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SUMMARY.

The Vatican has made a protest to the Powers against the disestablishment of the Roman Catholic Church in France.

The protest emphasises that the lay authorities and the public worship associations are given rights belonging exclusively to the hierarchy.

China has made proposals to Great Britain regarding the gradual extinction of the opium traffic.

Dr. Morrison reports that the opium dens in Tientsin and elsewhere are being ruthlessly closed.

The outlook of the elections in Germany is not satisfactory from the Government's standpoint.

The "Cologne Gazette" is discussing the constitutionality of the Government's obtaining supply whilst the Reichstag is not sitting.

There are fresh signs of disaffection at the naval barracks at Portsmouth.

Several stokers have been discharged on the ground that they are not desirable men to have in the navy.

Admiral Niebogatoff and the captains of three battleships were sentenced to death for surrendering to the Japanese at Tsu-shima.

The Czar, however, has been recommended to commute the sentences to 10 years' confinement in a fortress.

Other officers who took part in the battle of Tsu-shima were sentenced to from two to four months' confinement in a fortress.

Police at Paris raided a maternity home and found a stove where it is alleged over 100 new-born infants had been cremated.

Dr. Alva Jones, of Louisville, has solved the problem of maintaining telephonic communication with moving trains.

Viscount Cross urges Anglicans to bear privately the expense of special religious instruction in their schools.

Burglars entered the premises of the Goldsmiths' Company in London, and stole jewellery valued at £3000.

Lord Selborne has congratulated the South African footballers on the splendid way in which they had upheld South Africa's reputation.

He suggested that the New Zealand team which played in England in 1905 should be invited to visit South Africa.

A swindler in Bavaria obtained the release of his two brothers from prison by promising a gaoler £17,000 at once and £100,000 later.

He pretended to the gaoler that the prisoners were the Austrian Crown Prince and the Prince's brother.

Forty-five guineas per cent. has been paid to reinsure the steamship Rangatira, now overdue on the voyage from Manila to Newcastle.

Christmas Day was quietly celebrated.

The church services were well attended.

At all the hospitals and other charitable institutions there were special fetes and entertainments for the sick and poor.

In the evening several sacred concerts were given, and a number of harbour excursions took place.

The weather forecast for the holiday is fine and cool with southerly to easterly winds.

Further rains have fallen in portions of the eastern half of the State.

Parts of the South Coast have suffered from want of rain for months past, but a useful fall occurred on Monday.

Mr. Kidston, Premier of Queensland, says that the Federal Government was "caught napping" in regard to its South African reciprocity treaty.

He says that New Zealand has concluded a much better treaty, and is likely to get trade which should belong to the Commonwealth.

Mr. Henry Rowse, manager of Bennion's Block, Croydon, fell down the shaft on Monday and was killed.

Owing to the delay in the receipt of the Senate elections returns in Queensland, the date for the return of the writ will be extended.

The Minister for Labour in Victoria has made a proposal for a conference between the master builders and the men on strike.

So far, the men have not intimated their intention of adopting the Minister's suggestion.

The postal authorities in Melbourne report that the mails for December up to the 24th were the heaviest on record.

Yesterday a disturbance occurred in Riley-street, and Maria Lacy, or Brown, aged 21, was stabbed in the neck, and was otherwise maltreated.

James Lamb, who was in company with the woman at the time of the assault, was also stabbed about the head.

The woman's dying depositions were subsequently taken. As a result of her statements two women were arrested.

The attempt to found a settlement on the leasing principle at Lilyville, near Randwick, has failed.

The Government now intends to sell the Lilyvale blocks at auction with the object of establishing a residential centre.

The number of plague patients in Sydney during the year was 19, of whom eight died.

An infected rat was discovered in Brisbane on December 4, and two were found in Sydney on December 11 and 12.

With these exceptions, there have been no indications of plague in Australia recently.

It will probably be three years before the new abattoirs at Homebush Point supersede those at Glebe Island.

The Government is anxious to close up the 36 private abattoirs in the metropolis, and to centralise slaughtering at Homebush Point.

Local Government will prevail in the central and eastern divisions of the State from the beginning of the year.

The date of the rating powers of the local governing bodies has yet to be fixed.

Road maintenance men in the employ of the Government have been informed that their services will not be required after the end of the year.

It is thought that the whole of the maintenance staff will be re-engaged by the local bodies, but some economies may be made.

The cricket match England v Wellington (New Zealand), was begun yesterday in splendid weather.

England lost eight wickets for 152 runs.

The general manager of the Mount Lyell Company has posted a reply to the demands of a delegation of a minority of the employees.

He points out that the company has already granted an increase, and that any further increase would not be justifiable.

He also states that the abolition of Sunday work would reduce the output by one-sixth, and that Sunday work is unavoidable.

The Rev. Dr. Paton, the veteran missionary, who is in his 83rd year, is seriously ill.

English papers state that the new Australian mail steamers will have accommodation for 870 passengers of three classes.

The Nord-Deutscher Lloyd are reducing the times of their China and Japan service, as well as of the Sydney-Southampton service.

The Rev. G. F. Wilson, M.A., superintendent of the Missions to Seamen, has been appointed to tour the South Seas and visit Australasian ports.

Squires, the champion boxer, has received an invitation to box Jeffries, of America, for 30,000 dollars (about £6000).

He will proceed to America at once if Jeffries endorses the invitation.

At a cadet encampment at Swan Island during swimming parade Emil Cedzich was rescued from the water, but died shortly afterwards.

The body of Thomas Morgan, a labourer, was found floating in the water under the Pyrmont Bridge yesterday morning.

In Melbourne yesterday John Deady, the driver of a Magdalene laundry cart, was mysteriously wounded with a bullet in the leg.

He saw two men walking suspiciously towards him when he was shot, but the motive of the crime and the identity of the persons are unknown.

A blind man arrested for drunkenness in Melbourne on Sunday night had £29 in his pockets and documents showing he had £720 in the bank.

No fresh development has occurred in connection with the trouble in the meat trade.

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*MARMORA	10,500	G. L. Langborne	Feb. 27
*MOOLTAN	10,000	G. C. Hemming, R.N.	Mar. 13
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*HIMALAYA	6,898	W. L. Bround, R.N.R.	April 10
*VICTORIA	6,522	R. L. Haddock, R.N.R	April 24
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		1907.		
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*YORCK	8,600	—	April 20
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*GOEBEN	8,600	—	June 15
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††OPHIR	6814	Coad	Mar. 23	Mar. 26	Mar. 28
††OMRAH	8282	Symons	Apr. 6	Apr. 9	Apr. 11
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FOR MELBOURNE, ADELAIDE (transhipping to Port Pirie), ALBANY, FREMANTLE (transhipping to Perth, Geraldton, and North-West ports), — MARLOO, 12 noon, FRIDAY, December 28. Transhipping to GRANTALA at Melbourne.
YONGALA, WEDNESDAY, January 9, Without transhipment.

BRISBANE, MARYBOROUGH, BUNDABERG, GLADSTONE, ROCKHAMPTON, MACKAY, TOWNSVILLE, and RIVER PORTS to CAIRNS. — COOLGARDIE, 5 p.m., FRIDAY, December 28.
BUNINYONG, 12 noon, SATURDAY, January 5.
WOLLOWRA, 12 noon, SATURDAY, January 12.

FOR HOPETOUN (W.A.) (Port for Ravensthorpe Goldfields). — The S.S. YONGALA, leaving Sydney WEDNESDAY, January 9, will connect with S.S. FERRET at Albany.

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S.S. MARLOO, FRIDAY, December 28th, at 12 Noon.
FROM MELBOURNE—
S.S. COOLGARDIE, MONDAY, December 24th, at 5 p.m.
S.S. MARLOO, WEDNESDAY, January 2nd, at 12 Noon.
FOR BRISBANE AND QUEENSLAND PORTS—
S.S. COOLGARDIE, FRIDAY, December 28th, at 5 p.m.
FROM BRISBANE—
S.S. MARLOO, MONDAY, December 24th, at — p.m.
S.S. WOLLOWRA, MONDAY, December 31st, at — p.m.
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MELBOURNE, ADELAIDE, Transhipping to Port Pirie. FREMANTLE Transhipping to PERTH, Geraldton, and North-west Ports. — KANOWNA (without transhipment), WEDNESDAY, 1 p.m., Jan. 2. KYARRA, (without transhipment), WEDNESDAY, 1 p.m., January 16. Each 7000 tons, Twin Screws, Deck Cabins. Carrying First and Second Saloon and Steerage Passengers. Inspection invited. Early application for Berths necessary.

BRISBANE, MARYBOROUGH, BUNDABERG, GLADSTONE, ROCKHAMPTON, TOWNSVILLE, — *MOIRA (cargo only), SATURDAY, noon, December 29. ARAWATTA, WEDNESDAY, 10 a.m., January 2. *MAREEBA (Cargo only), SATURDAY, noon, January 5.

MACKAY, BOWEN, TOWNSVILLE, LUCINDA, GERALDTON, MOURILYAN, CAIRNS, PORT DOUGLAS, COOKTOWN, — ARAWATTA, WEDNESDAY, 10 a.m., January 2. ARAMAC, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., January 8. WYANDRA, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., January 15.

COOKTOWN, THURSDAY ISLD., NORMANTON, BURKETOWN, — ARAWATTA, WEDNESDAY, 10 a.m., January 2. (Transhipping at Brisbane.)

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WELLINGTON, LYTTELTON, DUNEDIN and BLUFF, HOBART and MELBOURNE (Transhipping to Outports). — WIMMERA, SATURDAY, January 5, Noon.

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Fri., Dec. 28	Namoi, 11 p.m.	Newcastle, 11.30
Sat., Dec. 29	Newcastle, 11.30 p.m	Namoi, 11.30
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INTERSTATE FARES.

HOLIDAY EXCURSION TICKETS will be issued at certain New South Wales Stations to the principal Queensland, Victorian, and South Australian Stations until Tuesday, January 1.

These Tickets will be available for return for three months, but Tickets issued to Melbourne and other Victorian Stations will NOT be available by Express trains.

The journey may be broken for one month going and during the currency of the Ticket on the return.

CHEAP EXCURSION TRAINS.

CHEAP EXCURSION TICKETS at 2d per mile First-class Return (minimum 2s), and 1d per mile Second-class Return (minimum 1s), will be issued by the undermentioned trains to and from all Stations at which the Trains are shown to call.

These Tickets will be available for Return within one calendar month from date of issue, except that passengers will not be allowed to return from Sydney by the Melbourne Express nor by the Mail train leaving Sydney on Sunday nights.

CHEAP TRAINS FROM SYDNEY TO-DAY.

ILLAWARRA LINE.

7.30 a.m. to Nowra; 7.38 a.m. to Wollongong.

SOUTHERN LINE.

8.0 a.m. to Goulburn.

NORTHERN LINE.

7.32 a.m. to Gosford; 8.15 a.m. to Newcastle.

WESTERN LINE.

7.50 a.m. and 8.10 a.m. to Mount Victoria; 8.25 a.m. to Eskbank.

EXCURSION TO THE HAWKESBURY RIVER. IN CONNECTION WITH THE STEAMER GENERAL GORDON.

(72 miles by rail, 32 by steamer.)

Trains will leave Sydney 9.10 and 9.18 a.m., connecting Train from Milson's Point at 8.50 a.m. The River Trip will occupy about five hours.

Return Fares from Sydney and Suburban Stations:—8s 6d First-class, 5s 6d Second-class.

Refreshments can be obtained on board the steamer at reasonable rates.

EXCURSION TO PARKESVALE (on the George's River).

Combined Rail and Steamer Tickets will be issued by all Trains leaving Sydney for Como up to 11.40 a.m., but steamer will leave Como for Parkesvale at 10.30 a.m. and 12.40 p.m.

24 miles by rail and 16 by steamer.

RETURN FARES FROM SYDNEY (including steamer trip):—First-class 2s 3d, Second-class 1s 6d.

Refreshments can be obtained on the ground at city prices.

EXCURSION TO THE NEPEAN RIVER (PENRITH).

TRAINS will leave Sydney for Penrith at 8.25, 10.15 a.m., and 1.30 p.m.

RETURN FARES from Sydney (including rail, coach, and steamer):—First-class 6s 6d, Second-class 4s.

Refreshments can be obtained on board the steamer.

COMBINED TRIPS TO HAWKESBURY AND NEWPORT, RETURNING VIA MANLY, AND VICE-VERSA.

Cheap Tickets, at 8s 6d First-class, will be issued at Central and Sydney Booking Offices, also at Strathfield and Milson's Point Stations, to include journey by rail to Hawkesbury, thence to Newport by steamer, from Newport to Manly by coach, and from Manly to Sydney by ferry.

Passengers will travel by the 9.10 a.m. Train from Sydney, and 8.50 a.m. train from Milson's Point.

Similar Tickets will be issued at the Manly Ferry Wharf, Circular Quay, by steamer leaving at 9.30 a.m., and passengers will make the trip in the opposite direction to those travelling from Sydney. The steamer from Newport will arrive at Hawkesbury in time to connect with the 3.50 p.m. train for Sydney.

The Tickets will be available for return for one week from date of issue.

COMO AND NATIONAL PARK.

The maximum return fares from Sydney, Redfern, and intermediate Illawarra Suburban Stations (including the Belmore line) to Mortdale, Oatley, Como, Sutherland, Loftus, and National Park, will not exceed 3s 6d first-class, and 1s second-class, available for return on day of issue only. An improved train service will be given to the stations named.

ADDITIONAL AND ALTERED TRAIN ARRANGEMENTS.—In addition to the ordinary service and the cheap trains shown above, special country trains will leave Sydney on:—

9.30 a.m., for Scarborough; 9.33 a.m., for Kiama; 8.0 p.m., for Bulli; 9.0 p.m, for Bulli to Nowra; 9.10 a.m., for Gosford; 9.18 a.m., for Hawkesbury; 10.0 a.m., for Katoomba; 9.5 p.m., for Camden, Crookwell and Cooma; 4.57 p.m., for Richmond, 11.27 p.m., for Richmond and Mt. Victoria; 7.52 p.m., for Wallerawang.

TO-DAY and until FRIDAY, January 4, inclusive, the 7.45 a.m. train from ORANGE to SYDNEY will run through from Katoomba to Sydney, calling only at Penrith, Parramatta, and Strathfield, and be due to arrive Sydney at 4.8 p.m.

On the days named an additional train will leave KATOOMBA for SYDNEY at 1.47 p.m., calling at all stations and platforms to Penrith inclusive, thence stopping at Blacktown, Parramatta, and Strathfield, and will arrive Sydney at 4.38 p.m.

The 5.55 p.m. Blacktown to Sydney WILL NOT RUN.

The 9.25 a.m. train, Penrith to Parramatta (connecting with the 10.27 a.m. train Parramatta to Sydney), will be altered to leave Penrith at 10.25 a.m., and will run correspondingly later throughout, connecting at Parramatta with the 11.25 a.m. train for Sydney.

The 4.50 p.m. train from Eskbank to Sydney WILL NOT RUN.

ON THURSDAY MORNING, December 27, the 12.20 a.m. train from Parramatta to Penrith and the 12.54 a.m. train from Blacktown to Richmond (connecting with the 11.30 p.m. train from Sydney to Parramatta) WILL NOT RUN. A Special Train will leave Sydney for Penrith and Richmond at 11.27 p.m. TO-NIGHT.

The 6.24 a.m. train, Campbelltown to Sydney, WILL NOT RUN. Owing to the withdrawal of this train, Workmen's weekly tickets from Stations Campbelltown to Casula, inclusive, will be available by the train leaving Campbelltown at 7.32 a.m. on these dates.

From WED., DEC. 26, to FRI., DEC. 28, the 3.2 p.m. train, Newcastle to Sydney, WILL NOT CALL at Woy Woy and Hawkesbury River.

ALTERED RUNNING OF TRAINS.—SUBURBAN LINES.—Several alterations and cancellations will be made in the running of ordinary trains on the Main Suburban and Illawarra Suburban lines, and also on the Milson's Point and Belmore line. Passengers are referred to Handbills for full particulars.

For the convenience of passengers wishing to return to Sydney in time for business on Thursday, December 27, trains will leave Nowra at 4.35 a.m., Goulburn at 5.0 a.m., Gosford at 6.30 a.m., and Mount Victoria at 6.15 a.m., 6.40 a.m., and 7.15 a.m.

For full particulars of Holiday arrangements see Handbills and Posters.

CLOSING OF GOODS SHEDS.

The Goods Shed at Alexandria will be closed, but Darling Harbour and Sydney Goods Sheds will be open until 10 a.m. for the delivery of perishables only. The Goods Sheds at all other stations will be closed except for the receipt and delivery of perishables.

CLOSING OF CENTRAL BOOKING OFFICE.

The Central Booking Office will be open until 10 a.m.

By order of the Commissioners.

(t1-180) H. McLACHLAN, Secretary.

GOVERNMENT TRAMWAYS.

BOXING DAY, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26.

Workmen's Fares will be cancelled on all lines.

Improved Services will be run on Abbotsford, Enfield-Burwood-Mortlake, Bondi, Coogee, Kogarah-Sans Souci, Watson's Bay, and North Sydney lines.

Baulkham Hills Line.—Hourly service between Parramatta and Baulkham Hills, 9.16 a.m. to 7.16 p.m., ex Parramatta, thence as shown for Saturdays.

Long Bay-La Perouse.—12 minutes' service, 9.15 a.m. to 5.31 p.m. from Circular Quay, then 6.17, 6.58, 7.17, 8.15, 9.15, 10.15, and 11.20 p.m.

Waverley-Randwick Line.—Trams will run direct from Albion-street to Coogee between 7.20 a.m. and 7.0 p.m.

Bondi Junction Line.—The service via Pitt and Castlereagh streets will be cancelled.

RANDWICK RACES.

A frequent service will be run to the Racecourse from Circular Quay and Central Loop (Western Railway Gates), commencing at 10.30 a.m.

The First-class Tram will not run.

Return Fare:—By Special Tram (including admittance to Course), 1s 6d. Single Tickets will not be issued on the outward journey.

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AT 8.50	Chas. Pope. Nuf Sed.
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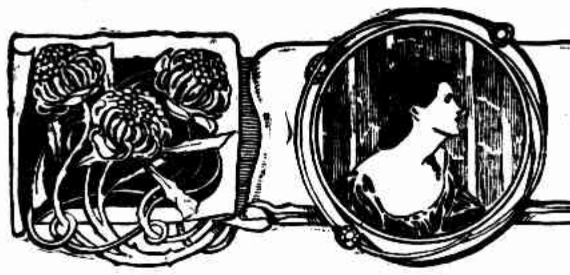
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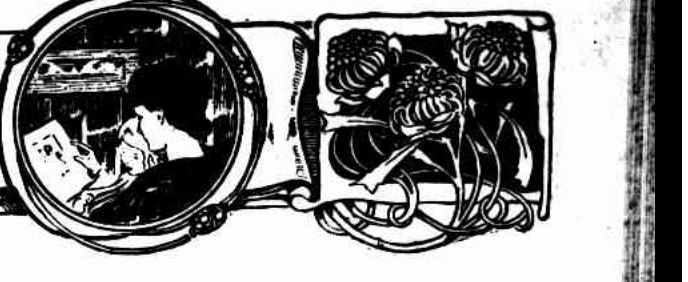
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PROGRESSIVE PROPOSALS.

During past years the abuse of hospitals is said to have assumed great proportions. In order to place a check upon this abuse several hospitals have appointed lady almoners. The term is ambiguous, for the lady almoner is in no direct way connected with the giving of alms. Her work is varied, for she is really a go-between whose duties lie first with the hospital and then with the patient. It is essential that she should be a well-educated woman, with a fair experience of life, for she is brought face to face with many sordid realities and difficult problems. As in all other professions a period of training is necessary. As hospital almoner is a new profession, still in its infancy, the salaries paid are not uniform. They are sufficient for a well-educated woman, but not sufficient to tempt those who think the salary given is of more importance than the work itself.

It is announced that a London clergyman is about to start a social club for gentlefolk of both sexes who are alone in London. The need for some such agency is probably evident to everyone familiar with conditions in great cities, but there appears to be a general feeling in London that this plan or any other of the kind is foredoomed to failure. Something similar was proposed several years ago, but though many lonely ones wrote sympathetically and seemed anxious to join, nothing came of it. The proposed beneficiaries seemed to prefer even the tragic solitude of London to artificial sociability.

The week-end flat is an institution which has followed in the wake of the week-end cottage among English people of moderate means. Just as the family of limited income found in the week-end cottage, all the delights of rural existence, so country dwellers have discovered in the weekend flat a means of indulging in the fogs of London for two or three days a week. They are not expected to entertain, and are under no more obligation to maintain an impressive establishment than the possessors of the week-end cottage. The week-end flat, with the country home as an economic base, is another and fairly successful attempt to magnify the modest income.

Of the making of schemes for the solution of the domestic service problem there is no end, and most of them inspire little hope in the breast of the housewife. Immigration seems to be the straw that each drowning nation catches at. A well-known Italian banker, Cesare Conti, living in New York, is now in Italy interesting the Italian Government, and also some of the wealthy and influential women of the country, in his scheme. The American house, with its furnace, its electricity, and other mechanical contrivances, would strike terror to the soul of an Italian peasant, says Mr. Conti; the American breakfast would revolt her, and she is so timid and conservative that even American wages would not lure her. Mr. Conti proposes to overcome these difficulties by training the Italian girl to American ways in her own country. He will meet the entire initial expense of the scheme.

New Zealand is already engaged in bringing out from England large parties of domestic servants. The comment of the English newspapers is that England can ill spare them. They are being drawn from various parts of the United Kingdom, about half the number being sent out under the auspices of the British Women's Emigration Society. The whole party are receiving the benefit of the reduced fares obtained under the New Zealand Government's immigration scheme—a concession which carries with it the proviso that each assisted immigrant must be approved and assisted by the High Commissioner's Department before being allowed to sail.

Paris does not know yet whether it is to be pleased and privileged by the appearance of the lady cab driver. The application for license by a citizeness is now before M. Sepine, and if he should not care to act on his own responsibility, the Council of State will be called upon for an authoritative ruling. It is urged for the innovation that a female Jehu would be an improvement on the other species in sobriety, civility, and kindness to animals. In wet weather, says the "Pall Mall Gazette," the gallant fare might feel doubtful if he ought not to mount the box himself and invite the charioteer to make herself comfortable inside. And there is the question whether she would ever learn not to misunderstand the Englishman's question "Etes-vous fiancee?"

This year, for the first time in the history of the Royal Society, one of its highly valued medals has been conferred on a lady worker in her own right. Mrs. Ayrton, wife of Professor Ayrton, of the Central Technical College, has exhibited sand ripples formed by the action of flowing water. She also made original investigations and experiments on the electric arc in her husband's laboratory. For this valuable scientific work the Hughes medal of the Royal Society has been awarded. The King approved of the award, and the medal was presented to Mrs. Ayrton at the anniversary meeting on November 30. In 1903 the Royal Society's Davy medal was awarded to Professor Curie and Mme. Curie jointly. Mrs. Ayrton recently reminded the public that M. Curie, when lecturing on radium at the Royal Institution, in 1903, bore testimony to the fact that the discovery was his wife's.

CORRESPONDENCE.

D.L.I.—Goddard's plate powder and silversmith soap are very good. 2. Cure for dandruff published last week.

JAPANESE AS DOMESTIC SERVANTS.

"Common Sense" writes:—"May I beg a small space in your paper to express my approval of the very common-sense letter of H. on "Japanese as Domestic Servants," in to-day's "Herald." The miserable state of domestic drudgery in which most middle-class mothers pass their existence would to a great extent be modified could they secure the services of a Japanese servant, given the same wage as that paid to a white servant; they would consider themselves well off, and with training give valuable service to the mother. One cannot force girls into domestic service. At the best, house-cleaning in many of its departments is anything but desirable work, and the house mother who is suddenly left without help finds it a daily heavy demand on her strength and spirits. While there is so much talk of a White Australia, perhaps a thought might be given to the Australian mother, and how good a thing it would be if she could secure the services of an obliging Jap. Coloured servants are wanted for Australia; the hot climate demands it, not English girls, who, if they came, would be very much disappointed.

OPEN VIEWS.

If a child shows precocious tendencies check them at the beginning, says a woman doctor, writing in "The Queen." "The child which shows remarkable promise before six years of age rarely attains even an average level of intellectuality later." This seems a strange statement for an educated woman to make, as it is against all historical facts. It would be more true to say that while all precocious children do not develop into clever men and women, still nearly all clever men and women have been precocious children. This is specially true of musical celebrities. Mozart, who had himself been an infant prodigy of the first water, foretold Beethoven's greatness, saying:—"Pay heed to this youth: he will one day astonish the world." Then there were Paganini and Sarasate, not to mention Macaulay and Tom Moore. The founders of the great religions were all remarkable children.

Alfred the Great's dying prayer was said to have been that the poor and the weak might be protected and comforted. We of this age desire that the poor and the weak might be enabled to protect themselves, said Mrs. Fawcett, speaking at Tunbridge Wells on woman's suffrage. Parliamentary representation would greatly help to the attainment of this end. Lady Desart said she was inclined to take the view of those Eastern nations who desired to keep their women "unspotted from the world," and regarded their place as being that of "mothers in Israel." Mrs. Fawcett very aptly reminded Lady Desart that the woman in Biblical history who described herself as a "mother in Israel" was the law-giver Deborah, who came to the rescue of her countrywomen at a critical juncture.

A modern writer thinks that if there were more tears there would be more marriages. "Whatever men may say, they like a woman who has not lost the ability to weep in true feminine fashion. In spite of their alleged strength, men always want someone in whom they can confide. What sympathy can they expect from a woman who knows not how to weep, and regards tears as undignified? No man really likes to see a woman cry, but all men prefer a woman who can and does cry—a tender-hearted creature who, although brave enough, does not try to encase herself in a kind of additional outer skin or suit of mail that renders her proof against sentiment." In the "Tyranny of Tears," which was written to show how uncomfortable a woman can make a home through weeping, the husband, even when he was most exasperated, was never out of love with his wife, or disillusioned in any way.

Boston is now wrestling with the problem of whether or not a woman teacher shall be allowed to marry. The person who raised the question and made all the trouble is Mrs. Frederick H. Ripley, formerly Miss Ella E. Carlisle, an assistant superintendent. The subject is often debated here, as elsewhere. Most people think, if they do not say, that a married teacher's husband ought to support her. Others argue that if women otherwise provided for should not work, neither should men who are otherwise provided for enter the professions. In that case, Roosevelt should not have stood for President, and Ruskin should not have written books. Most of the Bostonian papers take Mrs. Ripley's side. The "Herald" says: "Her dismissal for this reason would tend to discourage eminently endowed women from thinking of an educational career as a life work. The frequent sneer that women only teach until they can find a husband ought not to be reinforced by official refusal to allow them to teach afterwards if they are disposed to do so." Although it is out of date to regard matrimony as a career or profession for women, still it does and must mean more to a woman than to a man, as far, at any rate, as parenthood is concerned.

A Chicago educator has diagnosed truancy as a disease, brought about by bad environment and lack of proper nourishment. Give the average boy a proper proportion of proteine and calories every day, he says, and after the eighth month he will be a paragon of piety, and trudge off to school as meek as Mary's little lamb.

It is always easy to see how long a couple have been married by noting whether the house is full of his friends or hers, according to a writer in "The Ladies' Field." "A man invariably begins by inviting all his bachelor friends to his house. He is anxious to show off his wife, and he fondly imagines that they will like her, and that she will like them, which rarely happens." Why one's husband's bachelor chums should, as a rule, be so deadly dull puzzles this contributor, and she draws the conclusion that it was probably their dulness which originally drove him into matrimony, only he has not the sense to see it.

If men grimly eat to live, they will not live long, says Dr. Thomas Lathrop Stedman (America) in a protest against the desperate seriousness with which the present generation regards its food. Dr. Stedman suggests that people should eat what they like. Appetite, he says, is as necessary to digestion as is mastication, and what is eaten without relish is with difficulty, if at all, assimilated, for the stomach despises unsavoury stuff, and refuses to secrete sufficient fluid for its digestion. The dietetic crank, he adds, is saved from the otherwise inevitable results of his folly by the fact that his enthusiastic appreciation of the unsavoury food which he is persuaded will assure him strength and long life gives him a taste for it, and so the motherly stomach provides an abundance of gastric juice of the proper composition.

Domesticity is all very well in its way, but it should not be carried to excess. Virtues can easily become vices, and the domestic virtues should be practised with moderation. The author of "The Diary of a Bride" vows that she will not settle down a willing slave to the dust cloth, the needle, and the cook book, contented with dusting her books instead of reading them. "If I must choose," she says, "between dusting unread books and reading undusted ones, may the wise fates help me always to choose the latter." Too much domesticity is fatal to feminine charms, and if a woman is wise she will conceal her domestic virtues until after marriage. Men rarely choose good cooks and expert needlewomen to be their life companions. Most of them prefer the more comely and foolish maidens.

Dr. Jane Walker (England) is the latest authority to discover the psychological effect of the blouse. Two things, she explains, have contributed to the improved physique of women—the bicycle and the blouse. "The bicycle cannot be ridden with any degree of pleasure unless the cyclist is comfortable in her clothes, and is able to fill her lungs with air." Cycling develops all the muscular system—feet, calves, hips, arms, and respiratory muscles. Incidentally, too, of course it develops a higher side of one's being—courage, endurance, and resourcefulness in emergency. The blouse might be described as an essential adjunct to the bicycle. Probably nine hundred and ninety-nine out of a thousand women cyclists cycle in a blouse, and this garment has come into almost universal usage.



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PROSPECTS OF TEACHERS.

The social status of teachers is vitally important to them. It is generally considered that while a servant's status affects her mistress also, that of a teacher affects herself alone, and so is not of universal interest to the community. Of course, this is a mistake. If a servant's work in ministering to the bodily wants of a household is far-reaching in its effects, how much more so is the mental influence that passes from teacher to pupil, and so incidentally to all citizens of the future—for every child goes to school, while not every family employs a servant.

Teachers, like servants, used to be looked down upon because no special distinction attached to their profession. Every girl of a certain class used to go into domestic service when the time came for her to earn her living; and nearly every girl of another class used to turn her education to account by teaching.

In the, let us hope, near future, women will only become servants and teachers when they have special domestic or educational gifts which have been carefully and wisely trained.

The theory that any fairly well educated person can teach has long been exploded. Many other things are necessary to make a perfect teacher—above all, a sympathy with children and a taste for the work of teaching. A woman to whom teaching is ever uncongenial drudgery will never make a satisfactory teacher. It would be far better for her, and also for the little ones, were she "cast into the sea" as a stewardess, or a ship's doctor. (Some day they will have women doctors on board ship).

As a training college for teachers is about to be established, and as all reform is tending in the direction of perfecting the art of teaching, the future of the pupils seems fairly well assured. But will these new changes affect the social status of the teachers favourably? That is what the women taking part in the annual Teachers' Conference last week wanted to know. The prosaic question of salaries comes first in order. No teacher, it is asserted, can maintain a decent social position on a small salary. In this respect the women are treated worse than the men. Women who do equal work in educational branches with men do not get the same salaries, but much smaller ones. As a rule, they do not hold any of the big appointments. If they did, it would be safe to assert that their salaries would proportionately less.

A prominent woman teacher stated at the meeting that her colleagues had not really the sympathy of the Department of Public Instruction. This was only true in a certain degree. As far as the lower positions, with their corresponding salaries, are concerned, women get every sympathy from the department. The improved conditions of service and the rise in salaries that came to a great many women at the last regrading were almost entirely due to the zealous action of the department, who urged the claims of the women teachers strongly upon the Public Service Board.

In their inclination to aspire to the higher-salaried positions in the State, women get little sympathy or encouragement from the authorities. The principals of large schools, and the travelling inspectors, are always men. It is for the good of the community, say those in authority, that this should be so. The great body of women teachers do not agree with this doctrine, but are powerless to fight it.

To encourage our best and brightest women to take up cheerfully and hopefully the splendid work of ministering to the minds of the coming citizens is an even more inspiring work than to fight on behalf of domestic servants. For is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

The youngest collegian in America is Norbert Wiener, 11 years old, just entered at Tufts College as a freshman. His father is Assistant Professor of Slavonic languages at Harvard, and young Norbert is himself well versed in these languages. When the boy was eight he was reading Darwin, Huxley, Ribot, and Haeckel. He had only three years and a half of schooling. He passed all his entrance examinations at Tufts last June, including those in trigonometry, botany, and physiology. In college he will make philosophy his major study, and during his freshman year he will also take up history and differential and integral calculus. Young Wiener is a normal healthy boy, fond of outdoor sports, especially swimming and baseball. He has been brought up a strict vegetarian. The father says he would rather have a boy who is not so brilliant, but adds:—"What can I do? He knows enough to enter college. He is well and strong. He doesn't study too much. He is even lazy at times. What can I do but just let him go?"

"My experience is that female moneylenders are the most rapacious," said Judge Emden, at Lambeth County Court, England, during the hearing of a case in which it was stated that a woman charged a journeyman tailor 260 per cent. interest for a loan.

THE BOER "OPSIT."

When a Dutchman of the old school is on matrimonial purpose bent, he has recourse to an old custom to test the state of his lady-love's affection. After a few visits to the house, the time of which is mainly spent hanging about the door or on the wide, low stoep, smoking his long black pipe, he makes known his anxiety for an "opsit." This is an important part of his courtship. From it he can tell whether he has found favour in his lady's eyes, can gauge the height and depth of that favour, and know whether he may proceed with his attentions or not.

After giving due notice of his wish for this night vigil, either to the girl herself or her father, he spruces himself up as well as the small wardrobe at his disposal will allow, probably borrows an extra coat from a friend, puts a flower in his buttonhole, and proceeds to the abode of his amorata.

Arrived there, he takes his seat with the family, who have been duly apprised that Fanny is the favoured one. He talks a little in his stolid way, and if his heart under his vest or borrowed coat does flutter a bit, he gives no outward sign. His old black pipe is a good friend. He fills it with the evil-smelling Boer tobacco, and between its "puff, puff" remarks on the state of the weather. He watches his chosen out of the corner of his little black eye, and hopes that the candle will be a tall one. If the old Boer father is a religious man, the long reading from the grimy, worn Bible, and the long prayers, must be gone through. No deviation is made from this rule, and the lover must possess his soul in patience. Headed by the father, one by one the family troop off to bed. The sleeping apartment for the same may be only in the next room, separated by the thinnest of partitions, and in all probability every sound can be heard. When the last member has departed an embarrassed silence reigns. The would-be Romeo is almost afraid to puff his pipe even. It is so anxious a time for him. If Fanny is in a humorous mood, she may prolong this waiting. If she is anxious to give the man his conge, she immediately rises, and, going to the nearest cupboard, proceeds to find the candle she has previously placed there. Holding it so that not even a glimpse of it can be seen by the silent watcher, she takes it to the candlestick on the table. Then lighting it by the flame of the old one, which she removes, she places it between her suitor and herself, and takes a chair opposite ("opsit") to him. Then and then only may he look. With beating heart but imperturbable features, he turns his head. Long or short? If it is the former he knows that he has won. With a pleased smile of sansfaction, he crosses his legs, refills his pipe, and smiles at his Juliet "opsit." They face each other and talk in their thick, guttural way. Not until the last flicker of the candle do they move. Then, with a light heart, but with little show of affection, for the Boer is not a demonstrative man, he takes his departure. The "opsit" is in his favour, and they are now engaged. At any time he may marry her now. Into the cool night air he goes, feeling as though the earth is the air itself. There is no shame in his request for a night vigil.

Should Fanny not favour his suit, things are different. Should the candle be but an inch in length, he must needs wait until it flickers out before he takes his departure. Angry, irritated, he is made small in his companion's eyes, in that of her family's, and in those of his friends. He may or may not renew his attention. It all depends upon his frame of mind and tenacity of purpose.

Should the candle be cut in halves he knows that he has made some impression on his chosen one, and that, though she does not favour him entirely, he may come again and try his luck. Sometimes he is very persistent in his slow, plodding way, this Boer lover. If he really wants the girl, an inch of candle will not choke him off. He will persist in hanging about the door or the stoep, will often ride for miles on his little veldt pony just to meet her at a dance, or see her home from church. Later on he will ask for another "opsit." The candle then may be longer and "fat." The day is won. Lovers are much the same the world over.

The highest compliment and respect a Dutchman can pay his wife is to marry again as soon as possible after her decease. While the funeral procession is on its way he has decided whom he shall ask for an "opsit." Very voluble he is, too, in his praise of Mrs. Numberone, the while the candle burns itself out. It is not his first vigil, and he has more assurance than when he did his first courting. And if someone else carries off the lady he would fain make number two, he casts his eyes about and smiles in his long black beard. He knows that others will only be too ready to give him a long candle when they know how highly he prized his first wife.

The younger Boer is more English than his father, especially in and around the towns of South Africa. He does his courting in a more up-to-date way. He does not find so much favour, however, in the eyes of his countrywomen as he was wont. Whatever attitude the old people may assume towards the hated conquerors, for her part she prefers a British husband to a Boer. And intermarriage may do more than Act of Parliament to cement the breach caused by the war in South Africa, and bring about a better feeling between the two races so widely different now. E.T.

DOMESTIC HINTS.

A diet of milk and prunes kept Ella Wheeler Wilcox for many weeks from "going to pieces nervously."

A saucepan in which rice, oatmeal, or anything sticky has been cooked may be very easily cleaned by putting in a cupful of ashes when you take it off the fire, and then filling with water.

To make raw meat sandwiches for patients for whom raw beef is ordered, scrape good juicy meat as fine as possible, put it on a thin slice of bread and butter, pepper and salt it, press another slice of bread and butter on the top, and cut it into thin strips. These sandwiches should not be prepared until it is time to give them to the patient, for they spoil if allowed to become dry.

A mustard bath is much superior to the simple warm bath for bringing out the rash in eruptive fevers, and is a powerful stimulant when the child is failing rapidly from any cause. It is prepared by adding from one to two heaped tablespoonfuls of mustard to one gallon of water.

Insect bites and the irritation, often very great, produced by them may be relieved by rubbing camphorated oil on the bitten parts. A weak solution of carbolic acid and oil—one part to ten of oil—is also very effective if rubbed on the skin.

Many cases of indigestion arise from people drinking too much at meals. The solids they take are greatly diluted in this way, and the work of the stomach is hindered. This caution applies equally to water, beer, etc.

GERMAN APPLE TART.

Three-quarter lb pastry, six large apples, one egg, 1oz cornflour, 3oz sugar, ½-pint milk. Line a *flat* dish with some nice light pastry, and turn the edge over in a roll; bake in a hot oven; stew some apples, sweeten and flavour with lemon; when cool place them in the pastry; put the milk in a small saucepan; mix the cornflour smoothly with a little cold milk; when the milk in the saucepan is nearly boiling, stir this in and let it boil for a few minutes, stirring all the while; remove the saucepan from the fire, and stir in the egg well beaten; pour this mixture over the apples, and brown lightly in the oven or in front of the fire. This is a particularly nice dish, either hot or cold.—Kingswood Cookery Book.

VICTORIA SOUP.

It was Francatelli, the famous cook of Queen Victoria, in early Victorian days, who used to observe casually when serving a certain soup, "This was the only soup the Queen would ever eat while I had the honour of being in her Majesty's service." Francatelli's recipe for what he called "Victoria soup" is said to produce a delicious and nourishing form of what, in homely kitchens, would be known as veal broth. To make it, simmer half a pound of pearl barley for two hours in three pints of good veal stock. When the barley is quite soft and dissolved, take out one-third of it into a pan to keep hot, while the remainder is passed through a fine colander. Then put the puree back into the whole barley, add half a pint of cream, season, reheat and serve. Mace, onion, and cloves introduced into the stock before the barley is added improve the flavour.

GINGER SOUFFLE PUDDING.

Mix smoothly one ounce of butter and one ounce of flour in a clean stewpan over the fire, add the beaten yolks of two fresh eggs, and a gill of milk. Stir this all together for 10 minutes, and add two ounces of preserved candied ginger. Pour the mixture into a greased basin, which has been screened with brown sugar. Take the whites of the eggs, and beat to a firm froth, then stir it carefully into the batter for a second. Cover with a buttered paper, and steam gently until the centre is firm to the touch. Turn out carefully, and serve with wine or ginger sauce.

POACHED EGGS, WITH TOMATO SAUCE.

Poach the eggs in plenty of gently-boiling water, well seasoned with salt and vinegar, and when just nicely set, take them up carefully, trim them into a neat round shape, and place each egg on a fried crouton of corresponding size. Sprinkle the tops of the eggs lightly with salt, pepper, and finely chopped parsley, and arrange them in a circle on a nice hot dish; pour some well-made tomato sauce into the centre, and serve. To make the sauce, slice four or five ripe tomatoes, and put into a saucepan with a tablespoon of finely-minced onions, a good seasoning of salt, pepper, and mixed powdered herbs, two tablespoons of vinegar, a teacup of stock, and 1oz butter, well kneaded with a tablespoon of flour. Stir sauce over fire till it boils, simmer gently for 10 minutes, pass through sieve.

Mr. Roosevelt's son, Theodore, has just been the hero of an incident which is not without its amusing side. Some Harvard students were skylarking on Boston Common, and in the course of their gambols they managed to hurt a constable who tried to interfere with them. On the appearance of the patrol they fled, but the police arrested young Roosevelt and three others, and took them to the police station. When brought before the magistrate Theodore explained that he had not attempted to escape, because he was merely an innocent bystander, and, in fact, would be only too glad to testify against the policeman's assailants. The magistrate, who appeared to be much moved by the gravity of his situation, observed, "Your father's son would not tell a lie. You may go free."

ALL THE WORLD OVER.

In Denmark they have high schools for servant girls. The girls leave their situations for three months at a time, and are instructed in the usual branches of secondary education—languages being a feature. There is no obligation for them to attend, and they have to pay something toward the expenses of their board and tuition. A Danish servant, interviewed by and Englishwoman owing to the lady of the house being out, talked in English. When the lady returned she remarked, "She not only speaks English, but she goes every morning for an hour to her German lesson." "But can you spare her?" "Oh, servants are as difficult to get in Denmark as in England, and they lay down the conditions on which they will stop." Good Bishop Grundtvig used to pray for his country—"May few have too much and fewer still too little." The prayer has been heard, continues this Englishwoman (who writes in "Longman's Magazine"), and the Danes are a nation of workers. "There seems an utter absence of the thriftless, hopeless class in Denmark. There are no corner men, no touts outside the museums and galleries, no cadgers under any pretext whatever."

Mrs. Anna F. Coston, of New York, is the inventor and manufacturer of distress signals for use at sea that have been adopted by the army and navy, the revenue service, and the life-saving and lighthouse bureaus, besides being approved and recommended by the Department of Commerce and Labour. Mrs. Coston has also invented a telegraphic code of night signals that has been adopted and is in use by the United States Weather Bureau and the army signal and transport services. The formula for her distress signal Mrs. Coston keeps secret. At the present time it is known only to one or two persons besides the inventor. But copies of it have been given to other responsible individuals, and now rest in safe deposit vaults. There is no danger that with Mrs. Coston's death knowledge of the invention will perish.

Scottish universities are run on coeducation principles, and have been so since 1892, when a special Act of Parliament opened all degrees in Scotland to women, at the option of the governing boards of the several institutions of learning. Not only the classes and degrees but the scholarships are now open to young women on equal terms with young men. In Glasgow University nearly all the education is given separately. At Aberdeen nearly all the classes are mixed, an exception being made only in the anatomical and a few others, where separation is clearly advisable.

Women in astronomy have achieved greater success, have met with more courteous recognition, and now occupy a more prominent place in that than in any other branch of scientific activity, says D. S. Beebe in the Women's Number of the "Technical World Magazine." Miss Mitchell, the Quaker Professor of Vassar College, who died in 1889, was a connecting link between the old and the new astronomy. Her fame was gained largely through her mathematical attainments. "As the practical astronomy had given way to a theoretical astronomy, so this in turn was receding before the tremendous strides of the new descriptive astronomy—the science that tells of what the planets are made, and what are the conditions of their surfaces. And in this new field of astro-physics, as it is called, women have a position which can never be occupied by men. Among the brilliant women astro-physicists of the day are Mrs. A. S. D. Maunder, wife of the superintendent of the solar department of the Royal Observatory at Greenwich; Mrs. W. Paton Fleming, curator of astronomical photographs, with 15 women assistants; Miss Dorothea Klumpke, who was proposed to while making an astronomical voyage in a balloon (this interesting episode, which occurred in 1901, when she was engaged in photographing the stars, is said to have made her probably the most widely noted astronomer in the world); Miss Mary Proctor, daughter of R. A. Proctor; Miss Mabel Loomis Todd, both well known as lecturers in New York; Miss Agnes Clerke, Lady Huggins, Mme. Ceraski, Miss Rose O'Halloran, Miss M. A. Orr, Miss Marquerite Palmer, Miss Annie J. Cannon, and Miss Henrietta S. Leavitt.

No one is more confirmed in the 5 o'clock tea habit than the Parisienne; only she no longer calls it "le 5 o'clock," as in times past, but "l'heure du gouter," a far more characteristically French term. For the French seldom take tea at this mid-afternoon meal. French people are not fond of tea, and they will make chocolate, or coffee, or lemonade, or anything you like rather than the Chinese or Indian concoction. The French, when they adopted "le 5 oclock," Gallicised it all out of Anglican knowledge, so it is far more correct for them to give it a French name and have done with. "Gouter," which really means "to taste," might well enough be translated "to nibble and sip" in this connection, for that is about what "l'heure du gouter" amounts to.

Lady Dorothy Howard, who is only 20, the daughter of the new W.C.T.U. president, attended the World's W.C.T.U. Convention in America, and seems to have put all the republican hearts in a flutter, just as Lady Betty did when she crossed the water. The papers rave over her willowy figure, her bearing, "sweet as English air could make her," her fair skin, dark grey eyes, and yellow-brown hair, etc. Her toilet is minutely described, even to the "dotted white veil sheer in texture." A representative of one of the oldest English families, this daughter of the Earl and Countess of Carlisle went to America on a modern woman's mission. Aside from the temperance cause in which she is warmly interested, Lady Dorothy Howard acknowledges her affiliation with those "in every part of this great world who are trying to sweep it a little bit cleaner."

The "Cri de Paris" betrays some long-suspected secrets of the Paris restaurants in a recent issue. In second-class restaurants, it appears, no cook is engaged, however excellent his testimonials, until he has given a practical exhibition of his skill. A bill of fare containing a long list of various dishes of fish, meat, fowl, and venison is handed to him, and he is expected to prepare the same out of some veal, rabbits, and fillet de sole, and with the help of a little cochineal to transform the materials even into salmon. The rabbit has to pass through metamorphoses of which even an Ovid never dreamed. Above all, however, the kitchen chemist must possess the necessary knowledge of imparting to all suspiciously "developed" meats the appearance of freshness. One feels horrified in merely reading of the things employed for this purpose, and yet the stomachs of the guests of such restaurants can stand all these dishes.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Fleischmann, of Cincinnati, have just returned from a honeymoon trip into the arctic regions. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, also of Cincinnati, accompanied them, and some other sportsmen completed the party. They bagged 30 reindeer, 100 seals, 500 duck and other waterfowl, 23 polar bears dead and two live polar bears. The Laura, the ship on which the expedition sailed, is a sister ship of the Fridthjof, in which the Wellman expedition was made. Ice prevented a landing being made for 47 days at one time.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

No hostess has yet evolved a successful plan of making her guests remain silent while music is being performed. On the programme of a concert lately given at a private house was the following line:—"Give thy thought no tongue; give music thine ear." The guests were mostly offended. A giver of large musical parties in Melbourne had a similar hint printed on the programmes. As she invited several hundred acquaintances at a time, perfect silence never prevailed. When a musical party is given, the best thing to do is to limit the invitations to the truly musical and the excessively polite, and only a very few of those.

So prevalent has the habit of breakfasting in bed, or at least in the privacy of one's room, become among the members of English house parties, that a prominent hostess has conceived the brilliant idea of having her breakfast menus placed the previous night in each guest's room. A request is affixed that, as early as possible, the occupant should intimate to the servants what she desires served to her, and at what hour.

If it is not convenient to leave the arrangement of flowers for a dinner party to a florist, the most beautiful effects can be obtained by very simple means. If low silver bowls are filled with masses of soft green fernery, with about two dozen roses interspersed the table will look charming. There is no more lasting or beautiful table flower than the carnation. Some people strip the blossoms of the spiky grey-green foliage, which is a mistake. Instead, some feathery asparagus should be mingled with the sage-green leaves. An old bowl of copper filled with soft, dull-brown nasturtiums—no yellow or red—with here and there a few leaves, makes an exquisite bit of colour.

A pound party is described as an amusing game, introduced lately to an Edinburgh hostess by an American lady. Each guest is asked to contribute a pound (avoirdupois) of something, and put it on a big table as he enters. Everyone present in the room is provided with as many beans as there are packets. Someone is chosen for auctioneer, and the guests have to bid. Until he unties his packet the bidder cannot tell what it contains—lace, stationery, sweets, tea, or something else worth having, or else something amusing without being valuable.

MEETINGS.

A lady, speaking at the meeting of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (London), said she had a lady constable at every church in her district to take notes of the women with feathers in their hats, and these were afterwards written to. Men could help very much, she added, by saying that it did not look well for ladies to have plumage on their hats. That would be a brave man.

The Dominion has a "National Council of Women," but apparently Canadian ladies have no desire or intention to jostle in the crowds at the polling booths. At the last meeting of the council, held in Hamilton, Ontario, the Rev. Dr. Lyle expressed an earnest hope that the day was far distant when women would enter the political field to be kicked about like a football. Women who sought the franchise were not well advised. These sentiments were applauded.

Some day, when the religious controversy has been got rid of, it is possible that England may take an interest in the services the schools can and should render to the cause of health. Doctors, who are called by the "Pall Mall Gazette" the true educationalists, and the Board of Education are already holding meetings to discuss the subject. Mr. Birrell and the doctors are agreed that the general science teaching should be reconstituted in such a way that "the principles of hygiene and temperance" may be embodied without constituting a new subject. The importance of not frightening or repelling either the teachers or the parents of the taught is very great. Temperance, fresh air, and cleanliness require to be insinuated by simple, rational, and gently persuasive teaching.

At the New York City Mothers' Club meeting, which took place recently at the Waldorf Astoria, a lady doctor begged her hearers not to laugh at a boy because he is fond of dolls, and not to tease a man because he helps his wife to take care of the baby. "Because the paternal instinct is less strong than the maternal, it should be the more carefully cultivated. A man gains much by assisting in the care of his children, and it is really more important that a boy should play with dolls than that a girl should do so." Most mothers are only too glad when their boys play with dolls or with anything else that keeps them quiet. Some boys are very fond of dolls, but it is impossible to make any child, boy or girl, fond of a doll if he or she is not naturally disposed to be.

The women's conference of the Society for Ethical Culture in America is going to devote a large part of its time this winter to the child-labour meeting. A free child-study class, under the leadership of Mrs. Anna Garlin Spencer, will be opened. Both men and women are to join it. After this a child-labour league will be organised and plans formulated for the work. The league is not going to spend as much time in investigation as did the English commission, which spent two years laboriously ascertaining whether it was injurious to a child of 7 years to work 14 hours a day. The facts certainly do not appear to call for investigation, but for action.

The Hermione lectures, which take place at Alexandra College, Dublin, every year as a memorial to the late Duchess of Leinster, were attended by great crowds last month. The lecturer this session was Professor von Herkomer, who delivered an able series of four lectures, entitled "The Painter;" "England, Lovable and Paintable;" "Bavaria, Romantic and Paintable;" and "A Triologue." The "Gentlewoman" calls these lectures "chats on art subjects." They were followed with the closest attention by brilliant audiences.

The lady members of the Geologists' Association made a very good display at the conversazione held at University College, London, last month. Some of the best exhibits were sent by them. Curious lamp shells of the silurian and carboniferous age were exhibited by Miss C. Birley, and Miss M. S. Johnston's collection of fossils showed that she had worked in Bavaria as well as in England. Lava and volcanic dust from the Vesuvian eruption of 1906 and photographs of the mountains were sent in by Miss E. Whitley. The social function was said to have been a great success, and a favourable augury for the work of the season just opened.

Fraulein von Heusler, lady superior of the Convent of St. Maximilian, near Munich, who was sentenced to six years' penal servitude in 1903, for poisoning her servant, has been acquitted, after a second trial.

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CHAPTER XIII.—Continued.

Till now De Conflans has been stricken speechless by surprise and dismay. He seizes the documents. To his despair they are not the ones that the dead Perugio had given to him in the Pyrenees, those sealed up in his presence by the Lieutenant of Police. To himself he is gasping: "That traitor, D'Argenson! He wants to destroy me. But no, he is my friend." Then into his mind has flown: "Beatrice, she is jealous of the girl. Can it be that she did this awful treachery? But that seems impossible. She wished Elena to be a princess—to be so far above me she were beyond my wooing." All he knows is someone—someone has destroyed not only his hopes, but those of his sister and those of the fair girl who had trusted in him.

He is hearing words that say so, stern commands from the lips of the lady who rules the realm.

"As for this aspirant for the stage, a singing woman who nearly tricked us into believing her a princess, Monsieur di Rovogo, you will see that she is returned to the opera, not to disappoint the public again as she has done this evening. 'Tis an easy penalty, but I am merciful. Madame la Marquise de Bellecour, your nuptials will proceed. To-morrow, you wed Signore di Rovigo, whose pardon I beg for having for a moment doubted his faith to and friendship for the King of France."

"Madame!" A faltering cry burst from Amelie.

"And you, Comte de Conflans, what reason had you for this audacious attempt not only to palm upon me a false aspirant to a ducal coronet, but to poison my mind against a gentleman whose friendship I value so highly? You seem too young to be a political conspirator."

"Oh, reason enough," remarks Di Rovigo, sneeringly. "This gentleman loves the aspirant to the stage. Inflamed by Quixotic sentiment and medieval romance, he aspires to make a duchess out of common clay. That, under your pleasure, Madame de Maintenon, is, I believe, the reason of his idiotic gasconnade. After our nuptials, I shall so guide his sister that she takes no more part in court intrigues."

Suddenly the dashing widow is on her knees before her mistress, sobbing: "Madame, I implore you to remember that I told you I loved——"

"That should have been told me before, Amelie. A lady's troth should not be given lightly."

"But I—I have a vocation." Poor Amelie tries to assume the attitude of a religieuse. "Madame, I feel it is necessary for my salvation that I become a nun."

The mistress of France looks piercingly at the beautiful supplicant before her, her eyes growing gradually devout. "A nun—you wish to devote yourself to God?"

"Yes, Madame."

"I would not keep anyone from God——"

"Ah, Heaven bless you!"

"But it must be because your heart craves for spiritual consolation, because you have a true and devout desire to dedicate thyself to the Church; and I fear that is not in you. A moment since, you said you loved a gallant. The two passions go not together. I doubt if you would wish to become a nun were De Guiche to espouse you. No, girl, I do not believe you. I am too devout to prevent any true postulant dedicating her soul to God, but—but you are of this world by your own confession. To-morrow, as was arranged, you wed Di Rovigo."

All this time, Bertram is listening, too horrified for words. Who has betrayed him? D'Argenson, who had the papers, or—he cannot tell.

"Madame," he cries impetuously, about to kneel before her, to ask not mercy for himself but for the two trembling women.

With a gesture, the lady autocrat of France enforces his silence. "Don't add to your offence by further words," she says sharply. Then the placid phrases issuing from her thin, inflexible lips, bring despair to them all. "Amelie, upon your giving your hand to Signore di Rovigo depends your brother's safety. In case you are not wedded, as you promised me, by to-morrow evening, I must report this matter to the King of France, and then I fear for even your brother's life. Signore de Rovigo, take your promised bride and conduct her to her home. My instructions are she does not leave it till her nuptials. Take charge also of this singing girl and deliver her to her padrone, your dependent."

Her bell summons a lady in waiting, who opens the door on the opposite side of the apartment, and Di Rovigo first bows profoundly and, kisses the all-powerful hand that is offered to his salute, then with the gesture of a master, motions not only Amelie, la Marquise de Bellecour, but Elena, the singing girl of the Paris Opera, from out the presence of the uncrowned queen of France.

Bertram, his impetuous hand grasping blindly for his sword, is about to follow them, when, with a gesture that cannot be disobeyed, Madame de Maintenon commands: "Stay, Monsieur de Conflans. Report immediately to the captain of your company. He will have instructions so that you will get no more liberty from the barracks of the mousquetaires to spend in license in Paris. Should word of your miserable plot come to his Majesty, I fear me, rash boy, you would not only lose your romantic heart, but also your foolish head."

Smiling slightly at her direful joke, Madame de Maintenon, who thinks she has been most merciful and considerate in this matter, sounds another bell, and a gentleman in waiting opens the other door.

"Show Monsieur de Conflans out," she commands.

"One moment, Madame," says the young man. "Some day I hope you will know that you have been duped into doing an injustice to one who loves France as well as you."

"Monsieur de Conflans will retire!" So confused, so agonised, so stunned that he almost forgets to make the salute of courtier, Bertram, the great portrait of Louis XIII. seeming to glare upon him from its frame, the wax lights of the passage-way burning dim to his anguished eyes, staggers down the side stairs and passes through the silent Court d'Honneur. Despair is in his heart, rage is in his soul, at being tricked by someone in this affair of life—almost of death.

"Who can have changed the papers?" This is his one thought as he strides aimlessly in the darkness along the wide avenue de Sceaux, the great Place d'Armes growing dusky behind him and the immense pile of the illuminated palace seeming to cast the power of France upon him and crush him for ever. Then, as a carriage drives past him the unfortunate fellow half shrieks: "Mon Dieu, the women whom I ruined!" 'Tis the one in which he had ridden up full of hope, with two sweet beings beside him elated also. They are in the vehicle now, but beside them sits Conrad di Rovigo, who will make one his unhappy wife, the other his singing slave.

"By heaven, how can I tell De Guiche? My sister lost on account of me, for she will marry this Italian plotter to save my wretched life. That shall not be! Whether I live or die, Amelie shall be free of him," moans Bertram, as he sneaks along in the darkness, fearful that two impatient figures standing near the Orangery will recognise and question him. One is young Albert, waiting to hear his love is safe from Di Rovigo. The other is the beggar boy, who carries a lighted torch, standing to receive his orders.

"I'll not tell him now. It will break Albert's heart. 'Tis only the sword that will now cut the gordian knot that binds three unhappy women to this man. That sword must be my sword," is Bertram's half-demented thought as he passes into the Rue Royal, and pauses in front of the garden before his sister's villa. The coach is standing in the road. He glances into it. It is empty. Apparently Conrad has taken both his subjects into the villa before transporting Elena to Paris, to hand her over to the mercies of Oresco.

With trembling hand he opens the heavy gate, passes in, and wanders about the garden, distracted. The winter shrubbery and the almost impenetrable gloom of the night shade him.

A light issuing from the salon of his sister, draws him to it. It fascinates him. He approaches it and glances in, to be made a madman.

The Marquis di Rovigo is standing suavely yet dominantly before the two agitated ladies. Apparently in their dismay they have placed arms about each other, for his voice, sharp, austere, yet penetrating, reaches Bertram's ears. "Amelie, remove thy hands from this singing wench."

"I am not yet thy spouse to be commanded, Monsieur le Marquis," replies the lovely widow in despairing yet spirited tone.

"Not yet, but to-morrow!"

A shudder racks the lovely form of the coming bride.

"Remember, your brother's fate depends upon your complaisance."

"Can't you see I love another?" she breaks out wildly. "Can't you see that if I don't give you my heart, my troth won't bind me?"

"But my hand will," smiles Di Rovigo. "Sapristi, you shall be no unfaithful wife. Two other spouses have I had, and they grew obedient ere they died. Madame la Marquise, you will learn I am not only thy amorous husband"—he would put arm around the delicate form that shudders from him—"but lord and master. Perchance I had been more complaisant but for your confession of to-night. Now I shall be as austere as I am fervid with you. For every sigh you utter for another man, you shall suffer penance in thy loving husband's arms."

"Never!"

"Remember thy brother's life."

"Oh God have mercy. Renounce my hand to Madame de Maintenon. Have some generosity, some pity." The once dashing Amelie throws herself half prostrate before him, but makes too alluring a display of her graces and her charms to win respite from Conrad di Rovigo.

"Not with thy beauty," he laughs; for reluctant loveliness always appeals to the Italian's jaded senses, and makes him happy to possess it. "Retire to your chamber, Madame la Marquise," he suggests suavely. "'Tis the command of thy mistress you do not leave it till you step from it in bridal robe."

"No, no, I cannot wed you!" half screams Amelie, shrinking from his caressing hand.

"Remember, I am guardian to thy child! Thy lips, my coming bride!"

"Mon Dieu, my little Henri in your power!"

Awed by the suave yet direful implication, the once haughty widow shudderingly receives on pallid face the ardent kisses of future lord, who whispers to her loving words that make her frenzied with shame.

"Now for this singing wench." With a slight laugh, he turns to Elena who, shrinking to a corner of the room, has turned away her head from the confusion and despair of her companion. "As for you, come with me to Paris," he directs. "I shall return you, girl, to your padrone."

"My padrone? I have none. Perugio is dead." Elena has started up, facing him.

"Ah, but your indenture papers some years ago were signed over to Oresco."

"Impossible! I cannot believe."

"You will believe you are his bond girl when, knowing you have now no hope, Oresco salutes his runaway apprentice with the discipline of an Italian padrone. His hand will make you sing high as your highest notes at the theatre. Cloak and hood yourself. To-morrow night you shall be made a public singing wench, and then adieu to the wild hopes that foolish Bertram placed in your ambitious noddle."

(To be continued.)

THE DREADNOUGHT'S GUN TRIALS.

There were two questions of general interest associated with the testing of the guns of the Dreadnought (writes "Engineering"), the one had reference to the effect upon the structure of the ship, the other to the possibility of the blast from any pair of guns affecting the others. It is true that the stresses due to recoil of heavy ordnance fired at given angles are easily calculated, and that there ought to be no difficulty in so arranging the constructional details of the ship as to obviate any strain; but here, as elsewhere, the necessity of economising the weight put into a warship in order to attain the highest possible efficiency in every department of the work for the least possible displacement involves a certain measure of risk in the design. It is therefore most gratifying to be able to record that, notwithstanding the most unprecedented shocks experienced by the Dreadnought throughout her gun trials, subsequent examination discovered no material injury to the structure. Eight guns were fired simultaneously on both port and starboard sides, the angle of fire being the maximum elevation—slightly over 30deg. Thus the collective energy developed was 384,000 foot-tons, but the roll was very slight. This is the more remarkable in view of the height of the gun platform above the water-line and centre of gravity. Six guns were also fired ahead, and each pair of guns in the various barbettes was fired on various bearings. The stresses upon the ship are greatest with horizontal fire, or when the gun is depressed, but on no occasion was any structural effect discovered. The firing of the guns at various elevations was also a severe test of the mountings, with their training and elevating gear; but these were found satisfactory in every respect alike as regards design and construction. These mountings are operated by hydraulic mechanism, and, like the guns, were supplied partly by Sir W. G. Armstrong, Whitworth, and Co., Limited, of Elswick, and Messrs. Vickers Sons and Maxim, Limited, of Barrow-in-Furness. As regards the blast of the guns, the disposition of the various weapons has proved eminently satisfactory, as it was found that there is no probability of the discharge from any pair of guns interfering with the work of its neighbours during action, so that the whole of the ten 12-in. guns for broadside, and the six 12-in. guns for bow and stern fire can be effectively used, a statement which does not hold with regard to the paper armament of many foreign warships. We shall therefore look to an advance in the individual power of each gun in future ships, rather than an increase in the number at a possible expense of effective fire.

A NOTE OF WARNING.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The history of the union of Church and State in the fourth century, and of the means by which the Church gained control of civil power for the furtherance of her ends, is full of interest for us to-day, when history is so wonderfully repeating itself.

The history of that period may be epitomised as follows:—

(a) First, there was the adoption, by the bishops, of the theocratical theory of government, in which the State is regarded simply as the servant of the Church, to do its bidding, and to enforce its dogmas and decrees.

(b) Then came the movement for the enforcement of Sunday observance by law, as the first and most important element in gaining control of the civil power and the carrying out of this theory.

(c) And, finally, we have the inauguration of persecution and the Inquisition to make the theory effective.

To-day the Sunday concert and Sunday theatre are regarded as competitors of the churches. The same trouble was experienced in the fourth century, between the circus, plus the theatre, and the Church. The Church could not stand competition; she would be satisfied with nothing less than a monopoly; and she got it, precisely as the religious leaders are trying to get it to-day.

More than this, they want now, as they did then, the Government to secure them in the enjoyment of a perpetual monopoly. Nothing short of a complete and perpetual monopoly will satisfy them. All men, whether public or private, high or low, rich or poor, must be made to do obeisance, and contribute to their devotions.

There is much being said to-day of the grasping, grinding greed of monopolies of many kinds; but of all monopolies on earth, the most grinding, the most greedy, the most oppressive, the most conscienceless is a religious monopoly.

Thus far the two movements, the one under the theocratical theory of the fourth century, and the other under the same theory of to-day, are seen to be identical in character. The next question is—Will they carry the theory into effect now, as they did in the fourth century and onward?

When the religio-political leaders shall have stopped all Sunday work, and all Sunday papers, and all Sunday trains, in order that the people may go to church and attend to things divine, suppose that then the people fail to go to church or to attend to things divine, will these leaders stop there? Having done all this that the people may be devout, will they suffer their good intentions to be frustrated, or their good offices to be despised? Will not these leaders now take the next logical step—the step that was taken in the fourth century—and compel men to attend to things divine? If not, why not? Having taken all the steps but this, will they not take this one? They will. Human nature is the same now as it was in the fourth century. Politics is the same now as it was then. And as for religious bigotry, it knows no centuries, it knows no such thing as progress or enlightenment; it is ever the same. And in its control of the civil power the cruel results are also ever the same.

So far as the State is concerned, a man has a right to observe any day, or no day, as a rest-day or Sabbath; just as in the matter of baptism he has a right to be immersed, sprinkled, or not baptised at all, so far as the State is concerned. Sabbath-keeping, like baptism, is a religious, and therefore, a personal matter. Whether a man keeps the Sabbath, or whether he is baptised, may affect his standing before God, but it cannot rightfully affect his standing in the eyes of civil government. He should not be considered a criminal if he refrains from being baptised, neither should he be regarded as a criminal if he does not observe the Sabbath.

Sabbath legislation on the part of the State deprives the individual of the right to choose or to change his religion. Every person who submits to the State the right to select a Sabbath and to enforce Sabbath observance, thereby virtually gives up his right to select his own religion, and to change his religious belief and practice whenever he chooses to do so. Therefore, in the interests of his own rights and liberties, every person should oppose Sabbath legislation.

If it is the duty of the State to select the Sabbath which all the people shall observe, it should also select the church to which they shall all belong, the creed which they shall all profess, the mode of baptism which they shall all adopt; and, in fact, determine every detail of their religious conduct.

Every Government that has taken the first step—that of Sabbath legislation—has, sooner or later, taken the other step—set up a creed, and gone into the details of religious life.

Such in brief is the logic of Sabbath legislation. I am, etc.,

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THE WORLD'S PRESS.

Attention is called by the "Traveller's Gazette" to the recent acquisition to the Louvre, notably a life-size bust, in chalk, primitively coloured, of the heretic king of the Eighteenth Dynasty, Akhoumaton, or Amenophis IV., one of the strangest figures in the long line of the Pharaohs. The bust is a remarkably fine specimen of the art of the period, and is well preserved. Besides this, there are four sepulchral urns in blue porcelain from the tomb of Rameses II. In these urns was found, besides funeral linen, certain organic matter, which is being chemically examined.

For the centenary of the "Brighton Herald" reminiscences have been written, at the age of 90, by Mr. Charles Fleet, son of a founder, and himself for many years editor and proprietor of the paper. He recalls the fact that when the tidings of the battle of Talavera were received, his father, Mr. William Fleet, was allowed the privilege of being in the Banqueting Room at the Pavilion when Lord Wellesley's despatches were delivered to the Prince Regent and read aloud by his Royal Highness amidst the loud cheers of a distinguished company. During the wars of Napoleon the only communication with France was through Dieppe and Brighton; and it thus fell out that some of the most important events in European history were first published in the "Brighton Herald."

In January the good town of Grasse will celebrate the centenary of the death of perhaps the most famous of its sons, the painter Fragonard. The commemoration will be a little in arrear of exact dates, seeing that Watteau's great rival really died on August 22, 1806. But that is a detail. The great thing is that one of the most charming of the world's painters is to have his centenary, the hundredth anniversary of his birth having, in all probability, been suffered to pass unhonoured and unsung. But that is 74 years ago, and the chronicles are silent upon it.

Mr. Justice Bucknill's kindness of heart is well known, and further evidence of it is afforded by a story told by the "Onlooker." On circuit it was his lordship's duty to sentence to death a poor girl who had killed her child. There was a recommendation to mercy, which he promised should have his earnest support. It was late on a Saturday when the girl was taken fainting back to the condemned cell. A noticeable feature of her trial had been her complete desertion by her family, and this had been remarked by the Judge. On the Sunday a kindly-faced man with a friendly smile and a word of good cheer was brought into her cell. It was Mr. Justice Bucknill, who sat an hour or more with the girl, comforting and soothing her.

The Gipsy race, as some hopefully hold, is dying out, carrying with it its ancient custom, code, and language. Yet, somehow, says "The Academy," one still meets here and there, encamped in English lanes, bands of Stanleys or Lovells who, by their looks, might have landed only yesterday from Hindustan. Nor is it a thing of the past to find by the banks of a Welsh trout stream, or trudging from inn to inn with his cripple harp slung over his shoulder, some scion of the family of Abraham Wood, who, despite his "gorgified" dress and appearance and his command of Welsh and English, speaks in his own home a tongue many shades nearer to Sanskrit than any of the seven vernaculars of India.

The late Duke of Cambridge used to tell with considerable relish the following story of a friend of his, a celebrated colonel:—During the Egyptian War of 1882 Major —— was shot in the knee, and the projectile made a hole of some depth. When the surgeons were probing the wound, and causing endless torture, the poor officer beged to know what they were hunting about for. "We're searching for the bullet," was the reply. "What, looking for the bullet! Why, I've had it in my pocket all the time."

The new Bishop of Truro is a Christian Socialist, and in this connection he has sometimes told an anecdote. "I had," he once said, "called on a rich old merchant in the North to ask him for a subscription. At first he was somewhat grumpy. 'Come,' he said, 'they call you a Socialist. What do you mean by Socialism?' 'My dear sir,' I replied, 'it depends what Socialism you mean. Political Socialism or Christian Socialism, for there is a great difference between the two. The Political Socialist says, "What is yours is mine;" but the Christian Socialist says, "What is mine is yours."' The old man's eye twinkled. 'Ah!' he said, 'I've met a good many of the first sort; I never met any of the second. However, here's £5 for your fund.'"

The recent celebration by Theodore Martin of the ninetieth anniversary of his birthday has produced an abundant crop of reminiscences, but, so far, the "Glasgow Herald" points out, there has been no mention of the fact that he was an eye-witness of the historical reconciliation, after a five years' estrangement, between Dickens and Thackeray. The meeting took place at the Athenaeum Club, of which Sir (then plain Mr.) Theodore Martin was, as he is still, a member. Thackeray was standing in the entrance-hall when Dickens passed him. Thackeray ran after Dickens, and, catching him at the foot of the grand staircase, said something to the effect that he could not bear to be on any but the old terms. Then, to the gratification of the little group of onlookers, who were keenly interested in the denouement, Dickens took the hand held out to him, and what has been happily described as "a passing foolish quarrel" was at an end.

To enter the army was the ambition of Sir William Treloar, Lord Mayor of London, when he was a youth. On leaving school he proposed to his father that a commission be procured for him. The father, however, had no encouragement to offer. He would not purchase the commission, he said, but promised that if the future Lord Mayor cared to enlist, he would not buy him out. This hint was enough, and the youngster abandoned dreams of military glory.

Who are the gipsies? Are they Egyptian emigrants, as went the theory by which they got their present name; or wandering outcasts drawn from the lowest of all races; or the founders of Rome—that was Borrow's far-fetched first impression; or low-caste Hindoos whose nomadic temperament forbids them to settle in any one spot? For many years (says the "Country Gentleman") there was much doubt as to who they were and whence they came; and to that doubt they are indebted for most of the romance with which they are associated, for romance and mystery are seldom apart. Now, however, it is a fact pretty well established that they came originally from the districts of Northern India, driven thence by famines, pestilence, and by the invading hordes of Tamerlane.

A story is told of Mr. Taft that on his way home from the Philippines, where he had been Governor, he had an audience with the Mikado, when doubtless the war about to break out was discussed. As the American Secretary for War-elect, Japan's military men paid him particular attention. It was a difficult position for one knowing nothing of the arts of war. "What if they ask you about the details of the American army's organisation?" asked a friend. The Governor, as ever, had a ready answer. "My reply," he said, in a stage whisper, "will be, 'Sh! Sh! That is a Government secret.'"

Lord Alverstone, the present Lord Chief Justice, was one day involved in a collision between two hansom cabs, says the "Liverpool Post." Being, fortunately, unhurt, he waited till the mutual objurgations of the two cabbies had to some extent subsided, and, then, approaching one of them, handed him his card, saying he would be glad to come as a witness if the case went into court. It did find its way into court eventually, and Sir Richard (as he then was) had the privilege of sitting on the bench beside the Judge, merely as a visitor. The Lord Chief's cabman won, and upon going outside the building the learned dignitary of the law was pleased to see the victor awaiting him. "Jump in, sir," said the Jehu, "I'll drive you anywheres. I knowed it 'ud be all right when I seen you up there a-squarin' of the beak."

A correspondent of the "Express" gives an instance of the adaptability of the London policeman. One morning (he says) I saw a family of seven foreigners, apparently belonging to the well-to-do middle class, in considerable difficulty in the Strand, opposite Charing Cross. They were Bohemians from Prague. Their German was difficult to follow. They had no French, and one of them—a young girl of about fifteen—spoke a very little English. They wanted to go in three divisions to three different places, and several passers-by, including myself, tried vainly to understand and to help. Then came the ubiquitous policeman. With infinite patience and with the aid of pencil and paper he discovered where our guests wished to go. Then he found omnibuses for them, explained things to the conductors, and saw them happily off.

Upon the young Attorney-General of Missouri, Mr. Herbert S. Hadley, has fallen the limelight of conspicuous success. In the general judgment, Mr. Hughes, who conducted the Armstrong insurance inquiry in New York, and Mr. Hadley have at a single bound achieved a reputation that may carry them forthwith to high political office. Lawyers both, for the law is still the American high road to Government posts. With good reason, Mr. Hadley left New York well satisfied with the results of his investigation into the affairs of the Standard Oil Company. He had accomplished his purpose in forcing the monopolist trust company to disclose information, abandoning the policy of secrecy which has ruled its management during its career. He came to obtain evidence for his prosecution in Missouri that supposed independent companies in the State were really subordinate concerns of the gigantic Standard Oil Trust controlled from its Broadway offices. There is no longer such a thing as division of territory in Missouri among oil companies preventing independent competition. The monopolistic trust system has received a deadly blow. The young Hadley is Kansas born. He graduated at Chicago University, and entered law practice in Kansas City. He soon entered politics, served a term of office as Prosecuting Attorney, and was making a practice of about £4000 a year when the Republican Convention of Missouri last year, in a quandary between three or four candidates, by a sudden whirlwind nomination, was proposed, and on election day carried the State for his party. He has yet three years of his office term to run. It is his avowed intention to crush the monopoly of the trusts when it is tyrannous. He has popular sympathy with him, and he is using all the power given by the Supreme Court ruling.

May 28 is a notable day in English history, for on that date in 1679 the Royal assent was given to the Act (xxxi. Car. II.) for the better securing the liberty of the subject, and for the prevention of imprisonment beyond the seas, commonly called the Habeas Corpus Act. Its chief provisions are that everyone in legal custody is to be brought before a Court as soon as possible, and that "no inhabitant of this Kingdom of England, dominion of Wales, or town of Berwick-on-Tweed shall be sent to prison in Scotland, Ireland, Jersey, Guernsey, Tangiers, or other parts beyond the seas, either within or without the dominions of his Majesty."

Mr. Upton Sinclair, whose novel, "The Jungle," has led President Roosevelt to rush a bill through the United States Congress providing for stringent inspection of the meat products of Chicago, is one of the few novelists who can claim that their fiction has led to legislation. President Roosevelt read "The Jungle" and sent for Mr. Upton Sinclair to give in person his evidence as to the conditions in the stockyard. Mr. Sinclair declares that he has not invented the smallest detail in his descriptions of the horrible conditions in the world's chief source of meat supply. He spent seven weeks in the stockyard, living with the people in their homes, saloons and clubs. The truth of his allegations has been corroborated by Chicago physicians, politicians, and stockyard men, and the Rev. A. J. Haynes, who was pastor for four years of Mr. Armour's own church in Chicago, declares that, "terrible as 'The Jungle' is, it falls far short of the awful reality." Mr. Sinclair is a young man of 27. He took two years to write "The Jungle," and came out of the undertaking a nervous wreck.

"C.K.S.," in the "Sphere," tells in outline the story of a literary "find." It is a well-known book of the Elizabethan age, which some student had probably purchased hot from the press and sat down at the manor fireplace to read. He had put it down on the stone ledge, where it was forgotten, and got covered by dust. The fireplace, in due course, was bricked up, and for four hundred years the volume remained there, until structural alterations revealed it, with soiled cover, it is true, but with pages inside as clean and sweet as when they had been turned over by the absent-minded student.

The Pekin correspondent of the "Times" says:—"Recently Wu-ting-fang drafted a new code of procedure in civil and criminal cases. The work, which was admired as a literary effort, suggests, among other things, trial by jury. The innovation is regarded with dismay by litigants, as the necessity of having to bribe a jury as well as the magistrate must add an intolerable burden to the present cost of litigation." Poor Wu-ting-fang is so discouraged at the non-success of his suggestion that, after repairing to the tombs of his ancestors, he is going into retirement at Shanghai.

NAVAL RIOT AT PORTSMOUTH.

Portsmouth Naval Barracks were the scene late on Sunday night (says the "Daily Express" of November 6) of an outbreak of insubordination without precedent in recent years. The total number of men at present housed in the Naval Barracks amounts to more than 3000. The number who took part in the disturbance is variously estimated at from 150 to 300. The trouble arose out of an incident that happened about tea-time. At this time—four o'clock in the afternoon—a body of men numbering about 600, including seamen, signallers, and stokers, paraded at evening quarters in the enclosed drill ground. Owing to the fact that it was Sunday, the senior officer was off duty at the time, and the duty of dismissing the men fell to Lieutenant B. St. G. Collard, of the Victory, who is attached to the depo.

"While the men were assembling rain began to fall in torrents. Lieutenant Collard gave an order to 'dismiss,' and the whole of the men, believing themselves to be dismissed, ran for their quarters. They had scarcely reached them when the stokers received orders to reassemble in the gymnasium, with an intimation that the order to dismiss had been given not to them, but only to the seamen and signallers. The stokers, about 200 in number paraded in the gymnasium in rather ruffled spirits, for most, if not all of them, were convinced that Lieutenant Collard had called out: 'Seamen, signallers, and stokers, dismiss.' What happened in the gymnasium was described by an onlooker—'As soon as the men were assembled, he said, the lieutenant called out, Down on your knees.' Not a single man moved. A second time the lieutenant cried: 'Down on your knees, but still the men refused to kneel, and there were shouts of 'Not us! we're not going to kneel to you.' At that the lieutenant shouted for the third time, 'Down on your knees,' and he added, 'I'll send every man to the cells who disobeys orders.' At that the younger men knelt down on the right knee, and when a start had been made the older ones followed their example, except a couple of men, one of whom said determinedly, 'I'm not going on my knees to any one but God.' These two men were marched off by the barrack police, and then the lieutenant upbraided the men for breaking away outside without orders.'

"The stokers were then dismissed to their quarters, and there for the time the incident ended. But the men gathered together again in the evening in the barracks canteen and discussed the affair. By closing time 150 men or more were in a thoroughly excited condition, and when called on to leave the canteen they angrily refused, and began throwing their glasses on the floor. Every glass in the canteen was smashed, and the men pushed the attendants aside and helped themselves to drink. For half an hour or more this riotous conduct continued, and then a large body of men sallied into the drill ground, shouting uproariously and threatening to wreak vengeance on the lieutenant. By this time the conduct of the men was so threatening that officers were hurriedly summoned by the picket from their quarters on the other side of the road, and the gates of the drill ground—which is enclosed with high iron railings—were locked and fastened with chains, while the picket mounted guard over the gates with fixed bayonets.

"Commodore Stopford arrived on the ground about 11 o'clock, and seeing that the situation called for prompt measures he gave orders for the bugles to sound the assembly. Meanwhile nearly a dozen of the disorderly stokers had been marched off by the picket. The remarkable sight was then witnessed of the whole force of 3000 men in barracks turning out at the double only an hour before midnight. The disorderly stokers were persuaded by their officers to fall in, and Commodore Stopford went up to them and asked them what all the noise was about. More or less coherent voices from the ranks told him that they considered they had been unfairly treated, and shouts were raised of, 'Let out the men who've been locked up.'

"'If you men all go off quietly to your quarters the others will be released,' the commodore is reported to have replied, and his tactful manner of treating the crisis brought it to a speedy and peaceful end. The stokers, at word of command, marched off to bed in parties of 20, the men who had been seized by the picket were freed, and some time before midnight the whole force was dismissed, and 12 o'clock struck amid the customary silence of the night."

The following official account was supplied in writing at the commander's office:—

"At evening quarters it was raining, and on dismissing from quarters there was some noise made in the stokers' division. These stokers were then fallen in, to be warned of their foolish conduct, and the lieutenant in charge, so as to better address the men, gave the order, 'On the knee.' This is a very common order in gunnery drills and on other occasions where a body of men have to be addressed, but as these stokers included several recently enlisted men, they apparently misunderstood the reason for the order, and resented it. This probably accounts for the subsequent disturbance, for on the canteen being closed at 10 p.m. (after the bar had been shut as usual at 9.30 p.m.) these same stokers began shouting, and as they were not turned in by the routine time (10.15 p.m.) the assembly was sounded. The stokers responsible for the noise were then marched off in small parties, and by 11.45 p.m. were all turned in. The disturbance was entirely confined to these stokers, the conduct of the remainder of the men in barracks being exemplary. There is no truth in the reports that taps were turned on in the canteen or of wholesale destruction of furniture, or of any attempt on the officers' quarters."

SPEECH DAYS.

KINGSLEY COLLEGE, HORNSBY.

The annual gathering and distribution of prizes of the above college took place on Saturday in the Hornsby School of Arts. Rev. O. J. Kimberley presented the prizes to the successful pupils as follows:—

School medal, D. Blundell. Class IV., highest marks, M. Blundorn. Class III., M. Biggs. Class II. and I., K. Blundorn. Exam., senior, D. Blundell; junior, M. Biggs. French, senior, V. Dyason; junior, A. Roberts. Scripture, senior, D. Blundell; junior, M. Biggs. Composition, D. Blundell. Music, I. Semple. Arithmetic, junior, R. Hodges. Mapping, senior, R. Williams; junior, M. Clay, 1; C. Dyason, 2. Conduct, senior, R. Williams and E. Smith; junior, C. Semple. Sewing, senior, R. Williams, 1; I. Semple, 2; junior, M. Clay, 1; D. Griffiths, 2. Attendance, M. Biggs.

After the distribution of prizes, the Rev. O. J. Kimberley, on behalf of the pupils, presented the principal, Miss Haviland, with a silver-mounted hymn and prayer book combined, and the first-class presented their teacher, Miss E. Dyason, with a silver-mounted scent and smelling-salts bottle.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL, COOMA.

The annual distribution of prizes in connection with the Cooma Church of England Grammar School took place on December 11. The Rev. C. E. Burgess occupied the chair, and called upon Mr. M. A. Barnard, the principal, to read the annual report. The report stated that the school had been established nearly two years, and the number on the roll had steadily increased every quarter. School commenced in April, 1905, with only six pupils, which by the end of the year had increased to 24, and at present numbered 33. All pupils who had presented themselves for the different examinations had been successful. The next year promised well for the junior and senior examinations, six students being prepared for the former and three for the latter. The dux of the school was won by Charles Dawson, who secured the gold medal presented by the principal. In the higher school reference was made to the success of the following pupils:—J. Travers, D. Davies, J. Nicholson, Violet Hobden, Leslie Hain, D. Burgess, H. Kauffine, J. M'Lean, and Carrick Rich. In the lower school Nora MacCue, Oswald Hain, Ivy Barnard, and Phyllis Evans.

Master Carrick Rich presented Mr. Barnard with a cake and fruit stand on behalf of the scholars. The cake basket bore the following inscription:—"Presented to M. H. Barnard, Esq., by pupils of C.E.G.S., Cooma, Xmas, 1906."

ST. JOHN'S PAROCHIAL SCHOOL, DARLINGHURST.

The annual distribution of prizes at the above school took place in the parish hall on Friday evening last. The Rev. E. C. Beck, A.K.C., presided, and the Lord Mayor presented the prizes. The headmaster, Mr. W. Anderson, read a favourable report of the school for 1906, which showed a substantial increase both in enrolment and attendance—the enrolment being 365, and the average daily attendance 274. The annual examination results were better than last year. There were thirty pupils who had unbroken attendance for the year, G. Sheppard showing a record of six years, Ida Ireland five years, Fred. Maggs four years, and the remaining 27 two years and one year. Goldsmith Chambers won the Church Primary School's scholarship, tenable for three years, at the Church of England Grammar School, North Sydney, this being the fifth year in succession that St. John's School had gained the distinction. The rector, and the Rev. L. J. M'Donald, reported favourably on the Scripture examinations conducted by them, and complimented the scholars upon their Scriptural knowledge. The Lord Mayor delivered an address, in which he congratulated all concerned on the success of the school and the good work it was doing in the parish. There was a long list of prize-winners. At the close of proceedings the headmaster was presented with a silver inkstand by the teachers and scholars as a mark of their esteem.

ST. BARNABAS' PAROCHIAL DAY SCHOOL.

The annual distribution of prizes took place on Thursday afternoon, the rector, Rev. W. A. Charlton, presiding. The church school, he said, was the ideal, for education without religion was incomplete, but unless the standard was equal to that of the State schools it would be detrimental to the wellbeing of the children, and better would it be to disband, and the clergy to take advantage of the Education Act and give special religious instruction in the State schools. An excellent calisthenic display was afterwards given by the pupils.

LEWISHAM HIGH SCHOOL.

The distribution of prizes took place on Wednesday night in the Petersham Town Hall, in the presence of a large attendance. The programme was a varied one. The principal, Rev. B. F. M'Gee, read the school report, which indicated a year of progress. Monsignor O'Brien distributed the prizes.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, REDFERN.

The Christmas vacation was inaugurated by the pupils of St. Vincent De Paul School, Redfern, by an entertainment given on Thursday evening last, in the presence of a crowded audience. The programme was gone through with credit to both teachers and taught, and many of the items received well-merited applause. The second half was a drama entitled, "Through Darkness to Light." The characters were well sustained by the following:—The Misses M. Roche, E. M'Auley, M. Bernasconi, M. Kelly, M. Leggett, L. Collins, H. O'Shea, E. M'Namara, M. Bedford, D. Lawrence, M. Ryan, B. Fleming, E. O'Sullivan, C. Roche, M. Walker, K. Smith, M. Hickey, G. Hearn, N. Kelly, A. Atman, and E. O'Shea.

The distribution of prizes followed, Alderman Jackson, who presided, handed over to the successful pupils their awards, which consisted of books, medals, and certificates.

CLIFTON HOUSE SCHOOL.

The annual entertainment given by the pupils of Clifton House School, Redfern, was held on Thursday evening last. The principals (the Misses Brodie) arranged an attractive programme. Miss Brodie presented the prizes.

SUBURBAN NEWS.

OVERCROWDED TRAINS.

The Homebush council, at its last week's meeting, dealt with the alleged overcrowding of trains on the main suburban railway line. It was pointed out that residents of the district were often unable to find seats in the evening trains out of the metropolis. The attention of the Railway Commissioners was ordered to be directed to the need for relief in this direction.

WILLOUGHBY SCHOOL OF ARTS.

A well attended meeting was held in the local Town Hall to consider the advisability of removing the School of Arts to a more central position in the borough. Sub-committees were appointed to bring up reports by the 28th inst. showing what suitable sites were available for purchase and the style of building proposed to be erected.

BURWOOD NEWS.

At last week's meeting of the Burwood Council the resignation of Alderman J. H. Cardew, to date from the end of January, was received. No interim election will therefore be necessary, and the council will not have the expense of an election before the ordinary elections for 1907. Alderman Cardew's ward will be attended to by the aldermen generally. The retiring alderman was warmly congratulated by his fellow councillors upon his appointment as one of the University lecturers.

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"Some time before I was married my health took such a bad turn that I became as wretched as a woman could be. My temperament was altered altogether, for instead of being very even-tempered and easy going, as usual, I got so cross at little things, and so excitable and depressed in spirits, that I was not an amiable companion for anyone. I didn't feel inclined to work, or read, or anything, and used to sit and wonder why people had to live, and why we had to endure such an unhappy existence."

"Do you ever ruminate in that style now?"

"Oh, no; I've given that up long ago, and can now see everything in the brightest aspect; but before this blessed change was effected my sufferings were really intense. Because of the poorness of my appetite I seldom took food, but when I did, how it affected me. The stomach had pains in it, and also bulged out with wind; and I could hardly breathe, owing to the tight feeling in my chest. This was not all, for I had such severe pains between the shoulders that I could have cried with them; and about the loins I was nothing but aches, too. Each morning my mouth had a dirty taste, and my tongue was all white, and it was astonishing how defective my sight became, and I had a swollen feeling in the eyes also."

"What sort of nights did you have?"

"Very restless, indeed, and when I slept it was only to dream such awful things as would frighten one. But then I was very nervous. I trembled at the least thing, and always thinking of unhappy events that were looming ahead. I had terrible headaches, and such giddy turns that it was hardly safe for me to go out; and when I did walk a short distance you'd be surprised how fatigued I got—quite dead beat. I fortunately heard of Clements Tonic. A few days had elapsed after taking the first dose, when a great improvement in my condition commenced. My nervous system was strengthened, my appetite improved, headaches were cured, my sight got good again, I slept soundly at night, and in a very short time I was quite restored to health. What I wish is every sufferer in the land should know what Clements Tonic can do, so you may publish this in any way you wish."

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FARM AND STATION.

THE MAN FROM TOWN.

The year-end holidays find him going strong. He steps out of trains all over the country, and at once begins to rush it. There is no doubting his pluck; he scoffs at the idea of feeling the heat, and swallows the thick dust with real or well-affected indifference. His first grievance is the pace of the horse which conveys him from the railway to the farm. To the new chum it is ever the principle of, Why walk when you can trot; why trot when you can canter; and if a horse was not intended to gallop why has he been endowed with a galloping pace? He is impatient to get at it; to accomplish something; to acquire experience. If there is a winnower about he will turn the handle hard, and with a varying blast that at one moment is dropping chaff freely into the bag and the next lifting the wheat clear past the riddles. But he makes it hum all right—for half an hour. Later you find him studying his blisters with mingled satisfaction and sorrow. Only for a while, however. The revival is swift, and he will be in good fettle again at afternoon lunch time, and take his successive half-pints of hot tea and his sweet scones with decided vigour. He is very keen on getting the tired farm dog to follow him everywhere, and if there are any cows to be yarded and a horse to bear him he is safe for an evening job. If he is very raw he will get the oldest and quietest horseflesh on the place, and probably will be found climbing aboard from the off-side. But once up he is a sailer. He has no time for any policy of canter a mile and walk a mile. His pace is the hard gallop, and the age or safety of his mount or the existence of rabbit burrows or crab holes worry him not at all. He shakes the old cows up in a rare fashion, and with the assistance of the dog brings them down in a cavalry rush. If he's a good sort he will see the day right through, and get satisfaction spending half an hour pulling a pint or two out of the unfortunate cow that is nearest to dry. The few ripening peaches in the garden he takes as his natural right, and he takes your breechloader and blazes away your cartridges like a good fellow. If you have a greyhound or two that you keep shut up until the ground softens he will take them out for you on a blazing afternoon, and after a few gruelling courses will bring them back with bleeding feet and broken toenails. He believes strongly in the open-gate policy, and shows his love of dumb animals by feeding them occasionally on the ripening crops; or if he attempts the sliprails you find the bottom one jammed hard into the top holes. The rabbits he shoots but fails to produce because of their dying kicks into burrows, and the feathers he blows out of flying ducks and the fur out of running hares are legion. Often, too, he is a poor sport. He will murder the sleeping rabbit found by accident so close to his feet that you daily expect him to come home minus his toes; and if nothing bigger offers he is not impartial to diamond sparrows or almost any other members of the feathered family.

But withal he is usually a good fellow, and all hands are sorry when he goes. And the regret is not only because he has been entertaining; he breaks and eases the heavy work. When he yarns to you on the stubbles the sheaves you are all day pitching seem to go up easier, and now and then he takes the fork and wrestles with a few while you spell. Or up on the load he keeps you alive, getting him out of the road and speculating as to how long it will be before he takes a header. He will yarn to you while you kill a sheep in the evening, and probably he comes armed with better tobacco than you are smoking; or he may even rise to a box of cigars. He will keep you late at night, and if he shares your room will talk to you until the small hours; but you get even by hauling him out in the morning, and seeing that he has a full day of it. He rides away for the post with the delight of a boy; and if there is a duplicate wanted, or a message to the township, he is always waiting for the word to go. He changes colour in a wonderful manner. When he steps out of the train he is white; that night he is raw red. For a day or two he squirms under his blisters, and then he peels like a snake. You drive him back to the township one day a deep polished brown, with his hands almost horny, his riding scars almost healed, and his opinion of himself much enhanced. And he is not talking. If he does speak he is often unpublishable. He draws you sharp painful pictures of a close office, of a hard-driving boss who underpays, of the nightwork to be done to overtake these holidays, and of eleven and a half long months to go before the collar and chain are again to be loosed. You smile but say nothing as your mind fills in the other parts of the picture—the assured salary, the independence to drought and fire and pest, the surf at Manly and Bondi, and the breakers at Coogee, the water supply of the metropolis, and the long iced sleevers always on tap next door. And his swift train bears him back to his discontent in the city, and your slow horse to yours on the land.

ITEMS.

One thing from which our fruit-growing industry suffers is the want of means of utilising the waste products. There are apples, peaches, apricots, and other fruits which are too small to place on the market. Sometimes they are used for feeding pigs, and sometimes they are allowed to fall to the ground and rot there. It has been pointed out that a profit could be made out of them if they were used up in some other way. Apples could be, for instance, made into cider, peaches and apricots could be first made into wine, and later distilled into brandy. Probably the first essays in these directions would be more or less failures, but experience would teach here, as it has done in other places, provided an Australian taste could be stimulated for them. But the question is how to educate that taste. The excise and licensing laws will not allow the grower of the fruits to make and sell fruit wines in retail quantities, and those who can buy wholesale for the purpose of selling retail will not risk capital in such a problematical venture. Therefore, the small fruit is allowed to waste or fatten the pigs, and as the law stands there seems no help for it.

South Australia is the State of all others in the Commonwealth which has the worst supply of indigenous timber. It has plenty of trees, but the natural forests only give a limited supply of timber fit for anything better than fencing. This fact was recognised 50 years ago, and the work of afforestation was begun. To-day the State has 170,835 acres of forest reserves, and on June 30 last there were 14,122½ acres enclosed for planting. During the year ended June 30 last 81,544 trees were planted in these reserves, but the season was not a favourable one; a wet winter soaked the ground, ploughing could not be carried on, and the planting was delayed until rather too late in the season. Then the rain stopped suddenly, and summer came with its fiery heat. It killed 28,137 of the newly-planted trees, leaving only 53,407 alive, or 65½ per cent. In the previous year the percentage of trees which survived planting operations was 93½. The area planted during the year was 118 acres.

In the older plantations the trees have grown so much that thinning operations are going on. Last year about 270 acres were thinned, and it is related in the annual report of the Conservator of Forests that good returns have been received from this source. In the Wirrabarra forest reserve the pines are being cut down, and the wood utilised in making fruit cases; but last year's receipts from this source were disappointing, because the almost total failure of the apple crop in the State stopped the demand. Orchardists who had contracted to export apples could not fulfil their contracts, hence the falling-off in revenue from this source.

One department of the forestry work of that State in which pride is taken is its distribution of trees to private people. Last year 1755 persons applied for trees, and the number allotted to them was 322,238. These young plants have been distributed free, and last year was the twenty-fourth year of gratis distribution. During this period 6,484,675 trees have been distributed to 30,223 persons. As a means of keeping down bush fires, it has been customary to allow grazing to be carried on in the reserves, and the plan has worked well on the whole, but in good seasons when feed is plentiful private stockowners do not give the nurseries their custom, and in bad seasons when feed is scarce there is not much grass to spare. The Minister for Lands, in view of these difficulties, determined to purchase some sheep for the forestry department, and these have already nearly doubled their numbers. The innovation is described as a paying one.

Away in the arid interior an experiment was made many years ago of planting date palms. Three localities were selected for this purpose, Hergott, Lake Harry, and Oodnadatta. At these three places 2614 palms have been planted. Some have died, some have been thinned out, and there are now 2432 alive out of the original number planted. At one time there was every prospect of a record yield of dates, but heavy rains fell in March last and split the fruit. Fully one-half the crop of ordinary soft dates, such as is usually sold in the markets in Australia, was destroyed, but there is another variety, the Deglet Nour, procured from Algeria, which has a thicker and tougher skin, and which is not so easily damaged by rain.

A "wrinkle" in tree planting which was tried last year is said to have given gratifying results. The trees were planted in a locality where irrigation was not practicable. A patch of ploughed land was devoted to the planting of trees which are designed for shelter for stock. In the planting season a tub was procured and filled with a mixture of water and earth, the water being in sufficient quantity to make the mixture about the consistency of batter. Each tree whose roots were bared was dipped into this before planting; it was planted as soon as conveniently might be after the dipping, the roots were nicely spread out in the approved fashion, then the holes in which the trees were set were filled in with earth, which was lightly trodden till within two or three inches of the surface. A bucket of water was then given to each plant, and since then none has been applied by artificial means. A harrow drawn by a single horse has, however, been taken over the land at intervals, and it is said that every tree has struck, and is looking quite healthy.

During the last three years what are known as surprise butter competitions have been held in Ireland. A telegram is sent for the exhibits, which must be forwarded at once. In order to be fully prepared for the message the factories are on the qui vive. The parcels received are stored in Dublin for a period of from six to 10 days. The scale of points used in judging is: Flavour 60, texture 25, colour 5, packing and finish 10. It is contended that by the surprise system a commercial butter is obtained, as against the system of show preparation, which does not really indicate the general character of the factory's output.

The up-to-date weather bureau in America, which forecasts the changes days ahead, is to have a rival in the shape of a plant indigenous to Cuba and Mexico. The botanic name of the plant is Abrus precatorious nobilis. It also forecasts seismic as well as atmospheric changes. Professor Josef Norvack, an Austrian, is the discoverer of the plant's powers. He found that it was remarkably sensitive to magnetic and electric influences. When changes in these take place its twigs and leaves perform peculiar and abnormal movements, each of these having its definite significance, and by its aid weather forecasts can be made from two to seven days ahead, and earthquakes foretold up to 26 days in advance, over an area of 300 square miles. The plant also predicts volcanic eruptions and accumulation of fire damp in mines. Norvack will establish bureaux in San Francisco, Bombay, and Tokio.

SQUATTING IN NORTH-WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Mr. C. Loseby, of Darlinghurst, who was during the past shearing season in the north-western division of Western Australia, sends an interesting account of the progress which has been made there during the last few years in wool-growing. His calling is that of wool classer, and his first shed of the season was at Yanrey, situate on the Yannarie river, about 860 miles north of Fremantle, and in the Onslow district. The area of the holding is about 800,000 acres, and Mr. Loseby describes it as hard flat country, broken here and there by sandhills. The feed is composed largely of salt, spinifex, cotton, emu, and currant bush. When rain falls an abundance of herbage springs up, and also a grass resembling in its appearance the blue Mitchell grass. This is one of the pioneer stations in the north-western territory, and the station homestead is stated to be the best in the district. There are about 25,000 sheep depastured on the land, and they are mostly "straight necks with clean points." Shearing machines were used, and for 12 days the average made was 140 per man. I may mention, says Mr. Loseby, there are no unions here as yet, and shearing goes on without a hitch. Most of the station work is done by blacks, who are very reliable, and whatever they do they do well. The gins are good pickers up and piece pickers, and can, in fact, give many whites points at the game, and beat them.

The second shed was Dorrawanah, about 200 miles from Yanrey, and as the country between the two was traversed by bicycle, Mr. Loseby had some vicissitudes. Part of the way the county was beautifully grassed, but part of it is sandy. On this is a seed called Double Gee, which is armed with stout thorns. Several of these pierced the bicycle tyres. On this station 36,000 sheep were shorn. Between Yanrey and Doorawanah there is a station called Minalya, and at the time of Mr. Loseby's visit it was thickly clothed with grass and flowers, while claypans filled with water dotted the landscape here and there. This station is entirely worked by blacks; they even do the shearing and prepare the wool for market. Mr. M'Leod, the owner, has, Mr. Loseby states, formed a mission station on his run, with schools for the aborigines, and in other ways has looked after the temporal and spiritual welfare of the natives.

Another station in the vicinity is Brick House—the best improved station property in the Gascoigne district, and on it were shorn last season 46,000 sheep. Summing up his impressions, Mr. Loseby says the western country is ideal sheep country; there are neither rabbits nor burr of any kind, and it has another advantage over stations in the eastern States in that it is 10 days nearer the London market. Most of the wool goes via Singapore, and sheep sell readily at 17s per head off the shears on the station. The rental of the country is 10s per 1000 acres per year, and if certain conditions be complied with the Government of Western Australia guarantees to make a substantial reduction on the annual rental. On Brick House there is an artesian bore, which yields 1,200,000 gallons of water per day. The whole country is artesian.

PREDATORY DOGS.

"Setright" writes:—"I noticed in your issue of the 18th inst the report of a case at Guyra where two dogs were shot for worrying sheep. The police magistrate is reported to have said anyone could shoot dogs roaming on his property, whether destroying sheep or not. Does this verdict apply to all this State, as many useless dogs, and perhaps a few good ones, roam about this district, doing a lot of damage, especially in the fruit season, and in other ways? By replying you will oblige many inhabitants of Badgery Creek."

The old rule that dogs have no right to trespass on enclosed lands, especially those where sheep are depasturing, holds good as a general rule, but it would be dangerous to trust too much to it. The question, however, is one for legal elucidation, and a lawyer could give better advice than a newspaper.

DAIRYING.

MURWILLUMBAH.—The Tweed River Co-operative Butter Company, Ltd., in November manufactured 111,184lb of butter. The output was 17,339lb in excess of the last month, and 45,587lb of November last year. The company paid 9½d per lb for first and 8½d for second class, less ½d per lb for export reserve.

To be free from sick headache, biliousness, constipation, use Carter's Little Liver Pills. Strictly vegetable. They touch the liver. But be sure they are Carter's.—Advt.

THE NEW HEBRIDES.

SIGNING THE NEW AGREEMENT.

AUSTRALIA'S VIEWS ENDORSED.

BY THE LONDON PRESS.

OUR INTERESTS SACRIFICED.

"It was only on Saturday last (says the "London Standard" of the 24th ult) that M. Cambon, the French Ambassador in London, and Sir Edward Grey, the Foreign Secretary, definitely signed the Convention approving the arrangement which was concluded on February 27 last by Sir Edward Gorst and Mr. Hugh Bertram Cox on behalf of the British Government, and by M. St. Germain, Senator, and M. E. Picanon, Governor of New Caledonia, on behalf of the French Government. This Convention comprised 68 articles, and had avowedly for its object the reorganisation of the administration of the New Hebrides, guaranteeing the respective interests of French, British, and natives, and fixing the conditions of land-owning in the archipelago. So far as is known at present, very slight modifications have been effected in the original agreement of February last, which has been submitted in due form to the French Parliament.

"Under this agreement both Great Britain and France were to retain power over their own people, and the administrative rights of both countries were to remain the same as before, no British or French rights having been surrendered. The islands were not to be divided, and neither party was to assume any independent control over the group. The most important provision was the creation of British and French courts, with British and French Judges, who are each to administer their own legislation in the case of their own subjects. Another regulation laid down the appointment of a special tribunal to deal with land claims. This tribunal is to be presided over by a third Judge, to be appointed by a friendly Power.

DEADLOCK IN THE PAST.

"It was strongly urged in February that the deadlock which had hitherto existed in the punishment of offenders would be removed by the agreement, as the judicial rights of each country would be clearly defined as soon as the convention received formal sanction. Various municipalities were also to be established, and further municipal bodies are to be created according as need arises. Women are to be permitted to vote in the electoral constituencies. The late Mr. Seddon and Mr. Deakin, however, felt that England ought to acquire the New Hebrides in their entirety under some basis of exchange.

"At one time the New Hebrides actually belonged to New Zealand, having been included in the latitudinal and longitudinal bearings, but unfortunately this was altered subsequently, and the islands were left out. Mr. Seddon always wished that they had been allowed to remain. They were, he contended, valuable islands, and close to New Zealand—only about four days away. He felt very bitterly that the British Government had allowed themselves to drift into an unfortunate position over the negotiations, and said, finally, that 'as things were, it would be better if they divided the New Hebrides, Britain taking one part and France the other. The protectorate was dangerous between the two nations, as it might eventually lead to friction between the two Powers, and ultimately end in Britain ceding everything to France.' Mr. Deakin also urged the agreement left the native population apart from any control, and allowed different legislation on the same subjects, instancing in this respect legislation relating to intoxicants and the sale of arms and ammunition.

THE CONTENTIONS OF FRANCE.

"There is no doubt that hitherto there has been very keen rivalry between the French and the British in regard to these islands. The French, for instance, contend:—

(1) that their colonists number 352, owning more than two million acres, while the British only number 200.

(2) That their colonists are closely connected with the land, while the British consist only of missionaries and copra merchants.

(3) That their colonists are not sufficiently protected against the natives, as the individual native cannot be punished—only his tribe can.

(4) That Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Co. attempted to settle 35 families on the south side of the Island of Santo on land they said they had bought from the natives, but which had been previously bought by the French Society of the New Hebrides.

MIXED COMMISSION.

"On the other hand, the British accuse the French of trying to establish their predominance in the islands by buying land from the natives with arms and spirits, the British being debarred by their own laws from importing either.

"Until this Convention was signed the New Hebrides were, so far as regards the protection of life and property, under a mixed commission of English and French naval officers on the Pacific station. Under an Anglo-French Convention of 1904, there was an arrangement for jurisdiction over natives, but disputes frequently arose about this subject, and also on the question of landed property. Within the islands themselves Great Britain was represented by a Resident Deputy Commissioner (Captain Ernest Rason, R.N.), who reported to the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific. In 1904 there were within the group 212 British and 401 French subjects; there were three French Catholic mission schools, and one Presbyterian. Settlers had acquired large areas within the islands, and though there were many disputes as to rightful possession, and much of the land was still uncleared, coconuts (for copra), maize, millet, coffee, and bananas were grown, and a prosperous timber factory prepared kauri wood for export. There were several British and French trading companies, and the commerce was estimated at £54,780 for imports, and nearly as much for exports.

THE VALUE OF THE GROUP.

"Britain has really two strong interests in the islands—their value for trade and colonisation, and their value as strategic points commanding the Trans-Pacific trade route. This last is the specially Imperial interest, for they lie across the routes from Sydney to Vancouver or San Francisco, on the flank of the Trans-Pacific routes to Panama, and in the middle of the Solomon-Ellice-Fiji-Tonga section of the Western Pacific, which is the acknowledged sphere of British influence. Havannah Harbour is the great prize. An Australian firm owns much land on the island that bounds it to the north, and the British Admiralty has land there also; but the only British settler there is the veteran missionary, Mr. Macdonald, who not many years ago sat under his flagstaff with a gun across his knees and defied the French to haul down the Union Jack."

DISSATISFACTION IN AUSTRALIA.

In the course of a leading article the "Standard" upholds the views of Australia as follows:—"Despite repeated warnings, the Imperial Government have signed a convention with France for the settlement of the New Hebrides which has caused widespread dissatisfaction both in Australia and New Zealand. We cannot fix the blame on the present Government, for, in this respect, they have only carried to its natural conclusion the policy bequeathed to them by their predecessors. The affair is just another instance of the unimaginativeness with which British statesmen are in the habit of handing colonial interests. The New Hebrides may seem very small and unimportant possessions to politicians at home, but they loom very large in the eyes of Australians and New Zealanders, who see in the control, complete or partial, of these islands by a foreign Power a strategical danger of the first magnitude, as well as a serious menace to certain thriving trades. Whether they or the Home authorities be right in their estimate, the fact which rankles is that the bargain has been struck, in exchange for alleged Imperial advantages elsewhere, without their wishes or prejudices (if you will) being consulted.

"The Australasian colonist sees, spread over a period of 20 years, a consistent and persistent sacrifice of what he deems to be his interests in the Pacific. First, New Guinea and New Caledonia were allowed to become points d'appui of foreign Powers; then Hawaii; then Samoa. And, with the prospect of the Panama and Nicaragua Canals being completed, he sees, or thinks he sees, the impregnable position which the Empire might have occupied on the Pacific trade-routes given up, and foreign Powers, potentially hostile, established on the flank of his readiest means of communication with the centres of the world's commerce. We are not concerned to argue the question whether these views are justified or not; it is enough to establish the self-evident proposition that States to which the privileges of self-government have been entrusted, and which are rapidly growing to the status of co-equal partners in the Empire, will not much longer suffer their wishes to be ignored and their safety—as they believe—to be bartered away in order that the European situation may be modified in favour of the mother country.

A SUSPICIOUS COMPROMISE.

"In the particular case of the New Hebrides, it appears that a condominium of Great Britain and France is to be established, by which each will secure certain rights of jurisdiction, and equality of trade will be enjoined. This is one of those compromises which is almost necessarily regarded with suspicion. We have, however, pledged our word to France, and retreat, without the offer of substantial compensation, is, of course, impossible. But if the Imperial Government desire to prove their concern for Imperial unity, such compensation should be sought without delay. We do not suppose that the French Government, which has experienced the advantages of the entente cordiale in Europe, would be unreasonable in its demands. It is not our business, nor would it be prudent at this juncture, to suggest the direction in which an adequate return to France for the surrender of her rights under the convention might be found. We are only concerned to urge that an opportunity has occurred for remedying in one instance that disregard for colonial interests which has so prejudicial an effect on the relations between the mother country and the outlying States of the Empire. If we have undertaken the responsibilities of world-wide possessions, and enjoy the advantages accruing therefrom, it is at least due from us that we face also and accept the countervailing limitations on the freedom of our diplomacy."

MISTRESSES AND MAIDS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In answer to "Another One Who Knows," I may give my own experience. I am the eldest of five, and have been compelled to earn my living, and chose that of a domestic servant. I have been in almost every capacity from cook (no laundry) to nurse, barring general, and cannot remember food being locked away. Some of my employers have not been fit to wipe my shoes. Lots of middle-class mistresses cannot cook a plain, wholesome dinner; so how can they teach generals of 16 and 17? I have frequently heard mistresses grumbling when their maid-of-all-work lies down with a bad headache, toothache, or such like. Poor drudge, her work is never finished, and at the end of a hard day's work she has probably had to sing a crying infant to sleep.

In my travels by train, tram, and boat, I have often heard ladies talk of nothing else but their servant or of someone else's, till either they or I departed with great disgust. I, and others like me, would think it beneath us and scorn such a topic, especially in public places. The upper class are not wholly exempt, but I much prefer them to the middle class; they think of you as human and fellow beings, and not drudges or machines. I, like a good many more, have been brought up in a well-managed and economical home. As for "Another One Who Knows" saying maids carry out the proverb "When the cat's away the mice can play," this happens in rare cases.

I am now in Tasmania, having come over with the present family from Sydney, with whom I have been for some time. All the maids have stayed (with the exception of two) for years. The last cook left to be married, having been in this service four years, but I have not been so long. Since coming here my mistress, like others, has not been able to get a cook and housemaid, or even a general. People are giving high wages, and all to no purpose. They and whole families go fruit and hop picking, and make a tidy cheque at the finish. We all pull together, and so make things pleasant for all concerned. I esteem my present mistress as my friend, for such she is, although I am unavoidably called away for some length of time, at the end of which I hope to return. She makes my interests hers, and vice versa. I think your correspondent would be much wiser if she would read and study a book by Ella Wilcox entitled "A Woman of the World." "One Who Knows" must have had a poor type of domestic help.

I am, etc.,
A WORKING MAN'S DAUGHTER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—What on earth would Selina Anderson and her kind like? What do they want mistresses to do? In my letter, signed "Another One Who Knows," she attacks me without grasping the sense of my letter, and seems to justify acts on the part of maids which I think most dishonourable. She speaks of half-starved maids, and I distinctly stated that necessaries were never locked up in my house. She speaks of "working for a pittance," and if she calls 10s a week and a real good home working for a pittance, I want to know what she would like to pay herself? It is the men and women "full of sound and fury, signifying nothing," we have to thank for most of the trouble. They stir up and create dissatisfaction in the minds of the working people. These men and women possess an unusual "gift of the gab," which they and a few followers unfortunately mistake for brains; consequently they come forward and inflict themselves on the community, deceive their own class by their loud tongues, and do an immense amount of harm. Miss Anderson tells mistresses "they must cultivate a Christian feeling towards their helpmates." Let her have some of the experiences I and many others I know have had (good, noble-hearted, Christian women, too), and then she will know a little more on the subject than she knows at present. Why, one woman—a woman of 25 or 26 years—left my house one day when I went to town, and never even took the trouble to lock a window. On my return I found all the house open, totally unprotected, at the mercy of anyone, and I never saw her again from that day to this. Unnecessary to say, she had been paid her wages the previous night. Yet I cannot be a bad mistress, for out of six and a half years I have been five years well suited.

Again, Selina Anderson says, "they object to the girls entertaining in the mistresses' home." This in reply to my objection to a girl asking a tradesman into the drawing-room, playing her mistress's pianola while the tradesman and a fellow-servant danced in the hall. I should say they do object. Perhaps she would like the mistress to walk out and make them a present of the lot. Little short of this would satisfy Miss Anderson and her ilk. Do the girls depend entirely on the mistresses for their interests and amusement? Certainly not. They have their outside interests, and seldom confide their doings to her. I am not speaking personally now, because I am my maid's confidante; she tells me everything. I am not so many years older than herself, and can sympathise with her. But the majority, ten chances to one if their mistress asked them about their affairs they would invent falsehoods as glibly as Topsy, and tell her friend when next they met, "She actually had the 'cheek' to want to know what I do and where I go when I am out." This is what some of the noble, Christian-hearted women get for their pains. The feeling of antagonism to the "boss" exists in both men and women of the labouring class of to-day. Miss Anderson looks at the lives of working girls through her own glasses, but the majority of them are young, and have "their little ray of comfort" in the shape of "a boy." Then, again, she has her own home, as a rule, and her girl friend, and, above all, no taxes, no cares, and no responsibility.

No doubt there are mistresses who do not know how to treat girls, but I do not know any personally. I have seen some good women treated shamefully, and with gross ingratitude.

It requires a person with a deeper thinking capacity than Selina Anderson to solve the problem, and in my opinion it will get a good deal worse before it gets better.

I am, etc., ANOTHER ONE WHO KNOWS.

HANDS RAW WITH TERRIBLE ECZEMA.

CURED BY CUTICURA.

"I had eczema on my hands for ten years. At first it would break out only in winter. Then it finally came to stay. I had three good doctors, but none of them did any good. I then used one box of Cuticura Ointment and three bottles of Cuticura Resolvent, and was completely cured. My hands were raw all over, inside and out, and the eczema was spreading all over my body and limbs. Before I had used one bottle of Cuticura Resolvent, together with the Ointment, my sores were nearly healed over, and by the time I had used the third bottle I was entirely well. I had a good appetite, and was fleshier than I ever was. To any one who has any skin or blood disease I would advise them to get the Cuticura Remedies. —Mrs. M. E. Falin, Speers Ferry, Va., May 19, 1905." The original of the above testimonial is on file in the office of the Potter Drug and Chemical Corporation. Reference: R. Towns and Co., Merchants, Sydney, N.S.W.—Advt.

THE KENNEL.

By W. C. J.

COMING SHOWS.

Christchurch (N.Z.) Exhibition	Jan. 2-4
Berry Agricultural	Jan. 30, Feb. 2
Newcastle District	March 14-16

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

W. I. (Ourimbah).—The matters you mention receive attention below.

There was a great gathering of Kennel Club members last Wednesday at the presentation to Mr. A. B. Hellmrich, the late hon. secretary. Mr. Alban Gee presided, and numerous toasts were proposed. It was admitted that the present good position of the club is the best since the club started about twelve years ago. Mr. Hellmrich will leave this week to take up his new duties at West Maitland, where he may possibly start a kennel club similar to that at Newcastle.

Commander Peary recently established a record by getting within 203 miles of the North Pole. He and his crew went through many privations, and at one time were compelled to eat eight of their sledge dogs.

Last month a woman who had been bitten on the lip by a pet pug dog died in Paris from blood poisoning.

A correspondent whose cat's eye is partly covered with a film, asks for a remedy. In the case of a young dog I have found the application of warm, salted water very beneficial. Another prescription recommended by Mr. F. T. Barton, an English veterinary surgeon, is as follows:—Sponge the eye several times with a weak boracic acid lotion (30 grains to 6oz of water), using a sponge or piece of linen previously dipped in boiling water. Good results sometimes follow fomenting with lukewarm tea. When the cornea is ulcerated use a solution of nitrate of silver (4 grains to 1oz of distilled water) as drops night and morning. These drops are also good for cloudy cornea. Rest the eyes by keeping the animal in a dark place.

As fleas are pretty plentiful just now, the following dressing may be recommended:—Wash the dog with a mixture of 1oz each of turpentine and terebene, dissolved in a pint of methylated spirits of wine.

A Liverpool correspondent says that for tick poison he cured a fox terrier with half a teaspoonful of aconite in about 20 drops of water. If not at first relieved, repeat with a milder dose night and morning.

The "Otago Witness" says:—It is noteworthy that the Sydney bred fox terrier Glendon Major, which was selected by Mr. Court Rice at the Wellington show as the best fox terrier and best sporting dog in the show, did not get even sixth place at Palmerston North in the open fox terrier dogs. This is not the first time Major has not received the prominence accorded him at the Wellington show.

Much has been said and written in respect to the "faking" of dogs for the show-ring. Nothing, however, has been done in any practical way to stop the faker or his methods. The undue trimming of coats, etc., is apparently carried on without a thought of punishment being meted out to the wrongdoer. This may be gathered from the following advertisement which appeared recently in an English paper:—"Wanted, the services of a professional dog trimmer, in or near Birmingham, to prepare an Airedale for show.—Box ——." The "Field," referring to the matter, says:—"How openly this trimming of dogs is now followed is in evidence from the above, and, although only one variety of the terriers is mentioned, the custom prevails in most of them, and even such big dogs as Old English sheepdogs are not exempted from the practice."

SUMMARY FOR 1906.

JANUARY.

Molly Riley and several other of Dugan and Burns' dogs died. Moreton and Logan's Airedale terrier, M'Liss disappeared from her kennel, and has not since been found. J. D. Rockefeller, U.S.A., gave £500 for a pair of Scottish terriers. Sawtell's pointers sold in England for £622. The Irish terriers Ingrow Grip, Colleen Bawn, and Charters Nora died at Dr. Lister's kennels, Charters Towers. D. C. Morpeth and H. A. Woolnough, two old Victorian fanciers, visited England. J. Hunter Brown's fox terriers sold at auction in Brisbane for low prices. Miss Rawson bought a pair of Australian terriers. R. J. Wilson's fox terrier Duneraggan Dainty died at Mosman from tick poison. H. Macdonall's cocker spaniel Southborough Fop sold to Mr. Roberts, of Fremantle. Dame Fortune, a famous fox terrier, died in England. The White Pomeranian Springfield Rex died in his box while going by rail from Sydney to Melbourne.

FEBRUARY.

Annual meetings of Kennel Club of N.S.W. and Australian Terrier Club held. The collie Horris, of Boston, and two Yorkshire terriers, imported respectively by W. Cockbill and Miss Mason, of Melbourne. Southborough Quest, an imported fox terrier, died at the Glendon kennel. Ch. Dancing Buck bought by H. Moses to replace Quest. The Sydney silky terrier Standard compiled and passed by the Kennel Club. £400 given for two English Airedales by J. A. Laurin, Canada. At Kensington, Sydney, 13 valuable dogs poisoned.

MARCH.

Newcastle Agricultural Show held, the dog section being well supported. Rev. John Auld and his Scottish terrier ch. Rhoderic Dhu removed from Ashfield to Orange. F. D. Helin's field spaniel ch. Faust died. Cippenham Argus, a bulldog imported by Mrs. Goddard Brown, died in Victoria. £220 given by George Porter for Miss Hatfield's wirehair fox terrier Dusky Siren. F. W. Haddon, for 17 years the highly esteemed president of the Victorian P. and K. C., died in Melbourne. Cocker spaniel Hilo Mozzo, exported from Sydney to Honolulu.

APRIL.

Victorian P. and K. Club asked for nominations of judges from Sydney, which were subsequently ignored. Edenthorpe Gyp, a wirehair fox terrier, died at St. Kilda. Dandenong P. and K. C. affiliated with Victorian P. and K. C. Two bulldogs shipped from Sydney to New Zealand. Royal Show, held at Moore Park, when the dog judging was divided among several gentlemen. J. Maude—a well-known all-round judge, returned to Sydney from England. A kennel club formed at Christchurch (N.Z.). Wirehair fox terriers sent from Victoria to New Zealand. J. R. Hayne, Dunedin, imported the collies Southport Caledonia and Southport Spinster from England.

MAY.

Lord Lion, a champion Newfoundland, died in Melbourne. K.C. of England replied to a dispute at K.C. show, Sydney, re an Irish terrier award. T. H. Stretch (Ormskirk) succeeded the Rev. Hans Hamilton as president of the Collie Club of England. Queen Alexandra imported four Japanese spaniels. A Pomeranian arrived in Sydney from England for J. Hart, of Launceston. English bulldog Mennestrel sold for a high price to an American fancier. H. M. Evans, an old identity in Sydney kennel circles, died at Strathfield. Two notable Borzois, Velsh and Tsarita, died at the Duchess of Newcastle's kennels. F. D. Brown returned to Sydney after a trip to America. Frank Musgrove bought the bulldog Glenmore Billie. A proposal to amalgamate the Australian Terrier and the Sydney Silky Terrier Clubs negatived at a meeting of delegates.

JUNE.

Sheep dog trials held at Hamilton, Victoria. J. C. Coupe judged dogs at Ballarat show. The Yorkshire terrier Crown Princess, imported by R. Copland, arrived in Sydney. H. Thomson, Richmond, Victoria, imported the bulldog Moston Donovan from Luke Crabtree. K. C. removed to a new office in Castlereagh-street. George Porter secured a five years' engagement, at £1500 a year, to manage a big American kennel. Biddy's Daughter won sheep dog trials at Sydney.

JULY.

Victoria and Queensland K. C. shows held. The fox terrier Double First (imp.) sold by W. Hamilton to J. W. Thomson, Dunedin. At annual meeting of Scottish, S., and D. Club, Mrs. A. M. Sturrock elected president. Mrs. Allen Taylor presented a silky terrier to Lady Northcote. C. B. Carugati, an old Australian terrier fancier, died, aged 73. J. H. Dobbie bought Silkstone Beauty, the winning collie at Queensland show. Ch. Southboro' Fop (imp.) run over and killed at Fremantle. Dunedin show a success. A proposal by three Sydney specialist clubs to establish a council of representatives vetoed by K. C. Prahran show held.

AUGUST.

Fox terrier Quiver poisoned in Queensland. Queensland National Show held; dog section judged by C. C. Rice. W. Beilby elected as president of Victorian P. and K. Club. M. C. Davies removed from Sydney to Victoria. At Australian Ladies' K. C. Show, Melbourne, Mrs. Chirnside exhibited Mute Scottish terriers. A. C. Mills, Melbourne, imported Irish terrier Rath Kenny Rory. The Royal Agricultural Society N.S.W. voted £1000 for a new dog pavilion. Mrs. J. R. Wood presented a splendid silver trophy for Australian terriers at the K. C. Show. Standard for judging cattle and sheep dogs adopted.

SEPTEMBER.

Kennel Club shows held at Wellington, N.Z., Newcastle, Hobart, and Adelaide. D. C. Morpeth, Melbourne, imported the greyhound Day of Days. J. L. Hughes (K. C. committee) recovered from severe illness. Alban Gee's imported bull bitch Pomona died at Auburn.

OCTOBER.

Members of N.C.A. subscribed £15 for a greyhound trophy at K. C. show. Toowoomba Transit, a cocker spaniel, sold by H. Gaydon, Queensland, to R. Coun, Dunedin. E. S. Precious, of Queensland, died in St. Vincent's Hospital. The fox terrier Ch. Valasca died at the Glendon Kennels. Show at Launceston. Newcastle Agricultural Society appointed a one point dog show. Glendon Musk, fox terrier, poisoned at Launceston. A Boston terrier imported to Sydney. Treachery, a noted old-time fox terrier, and dam of Glendon Pride and Radiant, died at Marrickville. English setter Brummy Smiler sold by W. S. Woodward to a New Zealand fancier. A Scottish and Skye Club formed in Wellington, N.Z. First show held at Honolulu.

NOVEMBER.

K. C. show held in Sydney, with record entries; J. Maude, principal judge. There were many exhibits from Victoria, Kalgoorlie, and Hobart. R. Copland's Australian King, an imported Yorkshire, died. Australian terrier Togo sold to W. H. Kelly. Ralph Potts, visitor from W. A., entertained by president of K. C. Bull bitch Ashmont Tottie sent to Honolulu from Sydney.

DECEMBER.

Mrs. Cuthell and K. M. Cuthell removed from Sydney to Alstonville, taking with them two imported collies. Schipperkes imported from England to New Zealand. Steamer Geelong arrived in Sydney with the collie Southport Sylvia and other valuable dogs. A. B. Hellmrich, on resigning as secretary of K. C., presented by members with purse of sovereigns. Canadian K. C. affiliated with K. C. of England. Collie Anfield Model sold to an American fancier.

THE SUFFRAGISTS.

SCENES AT WESTMINSTER POLICE COURT.

The appearance of 10 woman suffragists at Westminster Police Court on October 24 (says a London exchange) was the occasion of another demonstration. By 10 o'clock, half an hour before the court was opened, there was a crowd of men and women gathered outside in the street. The men were mostly onlookers, whose sympathy with the women's cause was not conspicuous, while the women were some of the less famous advocates of female suffrage. The police refused to admit many of them to the courtroom, and much indignation was expressed. One woman, in her excitement, made for the gaoler's door, which she thumped with clenched fists, at the same time shouting, "You cowardly cur! How can you take the law into your own hands?" This attracted her companions, who advised the woman to desist. Inside the entrance hall, the doors of which were kept ajar by several police officers, the 10 suffragists sat nervously discussing the situation until the court was thrown open. Once in the dock they seemed more at ease. At one end of the front row sat Mrs. Cobden Saunderson, dressed in light grey, with a black hat surmounted by a large white ostrich feather, while at the other end was Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, in dark blue velvet, with a large hat to match, and a big white veil. Between them, with two other companions, sat little Miss Gawthorpe, dressed in blue, perky and expectant. Behind these were the two redoubtable organisers, Miss Annie Kenney and Miss Teresa Billington, both most inconspicuously attired; Mrs. Montefiore, in a white flannel cloak, towering above and between them. Grouped behind and at the side of the court were about 20 police inspectors and constables. During the hearing of the evidence the women behaved fairly well, the magistrate, Mr. Horace Smith, twice, however, checking a tendency to interrupt. The outburst came when, at the conclusion of the evidence, he asked Mrs. Cobden Saunderson, whose case was taken first, if she had any questions to ask. "No," she said, but she wished to make a statement. To this the magistrate declined to listen. They were not there, he explained, to discuss political questions, and as half the women promptly began to shout hysterical defiance, he bound them over in the sum of £5 each. At once there was a concert of shrieks and protests from the whole party, who one and all clung to the iron rails of the dock. But it was all in vain; burly inspectors and constables bore down and ejected them one by one into the passage outside, where, with no "gallery," they very soon became less hysterical. A few minutes later, as Mr. Horace Smith was trying the next case, a slim brown figure suddenly appeared by the dock and commenced to shout defiance at him. It was Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, and as she was hustled into the entrance hall a friend, who had followed her example, was also ejected.

Mrs. Cobden Unwin, with a number of other ladies, were locked in the court by a constable, but Mrs. Unwin promptly unlocked the door, let her companions out, locked the constable in, put the key in her pocket, and left. A constable who had witnessed this informed the inspector, who eventually recovered the key and released the imprisoned constable. In the street lively scenes were witnessed. There was a big crowd, and the suffragists were hooted and cheered. Excitement ran very high, and eventually Miss Sylvia Pankhurst was arrested and taken into the police station adjoining the court.

On the following day the accused were fined in various amounts, and refusing to pay, were committed to prison.

DARING JOURNEY ACROSS ASIA.

Two British officers, Colonel C. D. Bruce, commanding the Chinese Regiment, and Captain Layard, late of the same corps, now of the Northamptonshire Regiment, have completed a remarkable journey overland from Kashmir to Pekin, following a route which, to a great extent, has never been traversed by a white man. The "North China Herald" gives some details of the journey, from which can be gathered the nature of the difficulties and dangers encountered by the way. In addition to the two officers, the party on leaving Simla in July consisted of an Indian surveyor, his assistant, and one Mohammedan native servant. The route lay from Simla to Srinagar, capital of the semi-independent province of Kashmir. Thence they travelled east for a month to the border-town of Leh, chief town of the Ladak district, where British sway ends. From Leh the caravan, consisting of ponies and yaks, negotiated three difficult and enormously high passes in quick succession—Changla, 17,600ft; Marsemilka, 18,424ft; and Lanakla, 18,100ft above sea level. On the Marsemilka Pass, on September 8, they met a British officer on a sporting excursion, the last European they were to set eyes on for several months. Six months later, soon after entering China Proper, Mr. Doring, of the Bible Society, was encountered.

During six weeks of continuous marching, south of the Kuenlun Mountains, no human being—or sign of human habitation—was seen. In crossing this range great difficulties were experienced. Only 35 miles was accomplished in five days. The entire absence of any tracks or paths, and the precipitous nature of the route taken were such as to render frequent loading and unloading of the animals necessary. One march, during which every package had to be manhandled twice, beginning at 7 a.m. and ending abruptly at 11 in the forenoon through the complete exhaustion of man and beast, found the caravan only one and a quarter miles further on. On one day they saw, beside the frozen stream they happened to be following, no fewer than 10 dead bodies of donkeys, perhaps the hardiest of beasts of burden. Numerous ice-cold streams had often to be forded knee-deep, and proved excessively trying to the animals. Colonel Bruce has recorded in his journal the fact that one tortuous current of freezing water had to be crossed 37 times on the same day. The parts of Chinese Turkestan visited by the travellers are inhabited chiefly by Turki tribes, Mohammedan in religion, of a peaceful nature, and quite friendly in disposition towards strangers.

At Charkalick the party came within reach of the extraordinary lake, Lobnor, which may be described as a huge expanse of water, extremely shallow, with a constantly-shifting position. Colonel Bruce had decided to cross the Gobi Desert from Charkalick instead of following the usual circuitous caravan route to the north. The Chinese Amban there solemnly warned him against the dangers and difficulties of a month's journey across the trackless waste; he implored the travellers to give up the idea. Probably few natives—certainly no white man—had ever attempted to cross the desert at this spot and at that season—midwinter. The caravan, now composed of ponies and camels, had of course to take with them all provisions and fodder, and did about 15 miles per diem. To obtain water they were forced to melt down blocks of ice from evil-smelling pools. It was a curious sight to see the animals chewing ice to obtain the necessary moisture. Not only was it extremely cold, but the bitter winds frequently increased the hardships. The thermometric readings indicating the extent of cold are noteworthy, and this with tents only for shelter. For instance, on Christmas Day it was, at 7 a.m., 1deg. below zero, or 33deg. of frost, rising 29deg. higher by 2 p.m., and down to 3deg. below zero at 7 p.m. Having crossed the Gobi Desert, the travellers passed through Suchou, in the extreme west of Kansu, East Kansu, Central Shansi, and took train for Pekin at Ching-ting-fu. The distance covered in the eight months' caravan marching was indicated by a pedometer attached to a wheel, the total recorded by its revolutions being close on 3500 miles.

XMAS AFTER-EFFECTS.

"Xmas comes but once a year, and when it comes it brings good cheer," and in its train other things less desirable. Xmas is a time of happiness, and, as an accompaniment, we most of us live right up to the old adage, "Eat, drink, and be merry," perhaps not wisely, but too well, and quite lose sight of the fact that our overworked stomachs and digestive organs will wreak their vengeance on us by an attack of Indigestion. There are many so-called cures for this distressing malady, but there is only one which "gets there" every time. It is known as Dr. SHELDON'S DIGESTIVE TABULES, which digest what you eat, and restores the stomach to its normal healthy condition. They are sold everywhere at 2s 6d per tin of 50 tabules, and are positively guaranteed to do all that is claimed for them, otherwise your money will be returned.—Advt.

BIRTHS.

BREWSTER.—December 25, at Trelawn, Spofforth-street, Neutral Bay, the wife of Albert F. Brewster—a daughter.

ELLIS.—November 28, the wife of the late Arthur Ellis (trading as George Edwards), 13 George-street West, of a son (stillborn).

PORTER.—December 8, 1906, at her residence, Locksley, Victoria-street, Lewisham, the wife of Thomas H. Porter, of a son.

SMITH.—At her residence, 18 Reuss-street, Leichhardt, the wife of Sidney Smith, and daughter of the late P. J. Brennan, Grand Hotel, Waverley—a son. Both doing well.

WALKER.—December 24, at her residence, Durban, Natal, the wife of F. J. Walker—a daughter. By cable.

DEATHS.

CAMPBELL.—December 24, 1906, at her residence, 25 Kingsclear-road, Alexandria, Elizabeth Matilda, dearly beloved wife of William Campbell, aged 53 years. Deeply regretted.

She clasped her hands upon her breast,
We kissed her still cold brow,
And in our lonely hearts we know
We have no mother now.

GILES.—December 24, 1906, at his residence, Forest Lodge, Meroo Meadow, Nowra, James Giles, aged 79 years.

GRANT.—December 25, at his residence, Botanical Gardens, Sydney, Alexander Grant, aged 62 years.

HENDERSON.—On Christmas Day, at her late residence, 207 Stanmore-road, Petersham, Emma Jane, the dearly loved wife of Alfred Henderson, aged 30 years. "Thy will be done."

HOEBEN.—December 24, at his late residence, 27 Myrtle-street, North Sydney, Jacques Hubert Hoeben, in his 84th year. Requiescat in pace.

LOVE.—December 25, 1906, at his residence, 24 Ferndale-street, Newtown, Solomon, beloved husband of Polly Love, aged 81 years.

SMITH.—December 24, at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital (the result of an accident), John Smith, of 143 Glebe-road, Glebe, aged 70 years.

WHEATLY.—December 25, 1906, at Highfield, Carlyle-street, Crow's Nest, North Sydney, Emily, the dearly loved wife of William Wheatley, in her 48th year.

WHITTLE.—December 25, 1906, at his parents' residence, 23 Gurner-street, Paddington, Elton Daryl Wynne, youngest son of Lewis Henry and Mary Ellen Whittle, aged 7 years and 10 months. Interment this day at Waverley Cemetery at 4 p.m.

IN MEMORIAM.

BOAZ.—In loving memory of our dear son, Albert, who was accidentally drowned in Sydney Harbour, December 26, 1899. Inserted by his loving parents, brothers and sisters, W. B., M. C. Boaz, Joe, Harry, Tom, Jack, Violet, Florrie, Carrie, Millie, and Syd. Gone but not forgotten.

BOAZ.—In loving memory of our dear brother, Albert, accidentally drowned in Sydney Harbour December 26th, 1899. Inserted by his loving sister and brother, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Boyce. Gone but not forgotten.

BOYCE.—In loving memory of our dear sister, Elizabeth Beatrice, accidentally drowned in Sydney Harbour December 26, 1899. Inserted by her loving brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Boyce. Gone, but not forgotten.

CAMPBELL.—In living memory of our dear father, James Campbell, who departed this life on December 26th, 1904. Inserted by his son and daughter, W. Campbell and Mrs. J. Wall. Melbourne papers please copy.

ENGLISH.—In loving memory of Vilo English, who departed this life December 26, 1905. In the midst of life we are in death. Inserted by W.H.D.

FOX.—In loving memory of my dear husband, William Fox, who was accidentally drowned at Bronte on Boxing Day, December 26, 1902. Inserted by his loving wife, B. Fox.

HARDING.—In sad and loving memory of our darling Sallie, who was accidentally drowned in Sydney Harbour on December 26th, 1899. Inserted by her loving parents, brothers, and sisters.

In loving memory of our dear daughter and sister, Viola, aged 24, who departed this life December 26, 1905.

One year has passed; your face still beams
In all our thoughts and nightly dreams;
Your memory is as dear to-day
As in the hour you passed away.

ISDALE.—In loving memory of my dear father, Harry Isdale, who departed this life on 27th December, 1905. Inserted by his loving daughter, Maud Isdale. Dearly loved and sadly missed.

MOLONE.—In loving memory of my darling sister, Florence Grace, who departed this life December 26th, 1903. Inserted by her loving mother and sister, Violet, and brother-in-law, Jack Roberts. Though lost to sight to memory dear.

MOON.—In sad but loving memory of our dear daughter, May, who was accidentally drowned in Sydney Harbour, December 26, 1899, aged 20 years. They who loved her best missed her most. Inserted by her father, mother, brothers, and sister.

O'SHEA.—A loving and everlasting tribute to the memory of my dear husband and our loving father, John O'Shea, who died at his residence, Victoria Park Hotel, Myrtle-street, December 26th, 1898. May his soul rest in peace. Inserted by his loving wife and family.

O'SHEA.—In memory of our dear father, John A. O'Shea, who departed this life December 26th, 1898. Inserted by his loving son and daughter-in-law, John T. and M. A. O'Shea.

O'SHEA.—In memory of our dear grandfather, John A. O'Shea, who departed this life December 26th, 1898. Inserted by his loving grandchildren, Letitia, John A., and Terry O'Shea.

PEET.—In loving memory of our dear son, Charles Peet, who departed this life on December 26th, 1903.

Had He asked us, well we know,
We should cry, O spare this blow;
Yes, with streaming tears should pray,
Lord, we love him, let him stay.

Inserted by his loving father and mother.

REARDON.—In sad remembrance of William Richard, our dearly beloved eldest son, who departed this life on 25th of December, at Grafton, aged 25 years. Deeply mourned by his sorrowing parents.

RUSSETT.—In loving memory of Mary Helen Pitty, who departed this life on December 26, 1902, aged 41. Inserted by father and children.

RUSSETT.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Mary Helen (Petty), who departed this life on December 26th, 1902.

Though forgotten by some you may be,
You will always be remembered by me.

Eva, Will, and Jinnie.

RYAN.—A tribute of unfailing love to the memory of my true and faithful friend, Edith Ryan, who departed this life December 26, 1905. Mizpah. Inserted by her lonely friend, Martha Biggar.

SPENCER.—In memory of Thomas Spencer, who died on Christmas Day, 1905. Inserted by Mr. and Mrs. H. Bayliss.

STELL.—In loving remembrance of my dear wife and our dear mother, Mary Jane Stell, who departed this life on December 26, 1905. Inserted by her loving husband, son, and daughter.

WARD.—In sad but loving memory of our two daughters, Ada and Lily, who were accidentally drowned in Sydney Harbour Boxing Day, December, 1899. Inserted by their sorrowing parents.

RETURN THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. JOHN HARDY and FAMILY, of 40 Hornsey-street, Rozelle, desire to return their sincere THANKS to all relatives and friends for cards, letters, telegrams, floral tributes, and expressions of sympathy during their late sad bereavement.

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A BRIGHT, HOLIDAY ISSUE.

Acting on the belief that our subscribers are not in the mood at this time of the year for what may be called the severe school of journalism, we have published a bright, popular number of "The Sydney Mail" this week. "Bringing in the Wool" is the title of an opening page picture, which justifies the accompanying verses—

"The waggons groan their troubles . . . .
Where the dusty wool-bales go."

This is followed by "The Japanese Training Ship in Sydney," the pictures including a fine one of the Taisei Maru at anchor. Illawarra people will be interested in a splendid page illustration of The Elbow, on the Mount Kembla Range. "Christmas on a Western Pacific Plantation" is a finely illustrated contribution dealing with a native feast and other jubilations. Other features comprise:—

MINNAMURRA RIVER, between Shellharbour and Kiama.

HOLIDAY SCENES IN SYDNEY: A Series of Street Snapshots.

A COASTAL FISH NURSERY: A Set of Pictures taken at Terrigal, Tuggerah Lakes, and Wyong.

WHERE CHRISTMAS SPORT ABOUNDS: This set occupies the double page, and deals further with the Wyong District, the most notable picture being The Skillion, a bold coastal headland at Terrigal.

MISCELLANEOUS PAGE: The most notable picture on this page is a quaint portrait of John Bale, a well-known Clarence River pioneer.

PORTRAITS: The Mayors and Mayoresses of Lismore and Cooma; Miss Emily Dunn, an elocutionist; and Olga Armstrong, a musical wonder.

CAMPING OUT: The Rio Camp, Middle Harbour; Falls Hut (Hobart); and "On the Wallaby," a photo study.

CROSSING THE BILLABONG: A magnificent page picture, taken at Walla Walla, Riverina.

HER FIRST PARTY: Some amusing child-life sketches by Muriel G. Nicholls—a delightful page for the little ones.

PROMINENT TENNIS PLAYERS: Miss A. Keele (Neutral Bay), W. Ewing (Stanmore), and G. Charlton (Stanmore).

A BUDGET OF ENTERTAINING CHRISTMAS LITERATURE.

A BRIGHT HOLIDAY NUMBER.

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ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE.

The programme for the eleventh session of the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science, to be held at Adelaide, promises a variety of interesting and useful work. The place of honour in the presidential address will fall to reminiscences of Australian exploration, recounted by that veteran ethnologist Dr. Howitt, and another feature of popular interest will be an account by Professor David of his recent visit to Mexico. But papers representing more special contributions to knowledge are numerous, and evenly distributed over the wide field of science. A congress of this kind serves many useful purposes. It forms, for instance, a common meeting ground for scientific men who for the most part have to work on patiently in splendid isolation. The conditions of a young country such as ours unfortunately do not foster a leisured and keenly intellectual class, whose members would be devoted to the pursuit of new truth, and the lamp of knowledge is kept trimmed for the most part by those engaged in science teaching, by the science experts of Government departments, who usually have their hands full of immediate duties, and by a small leaven of professional men and others who snatch some time for research work. It is a matter for congratulation, and some surprise, to note how much is unostentatiously accomplished even in these unpromising circumstances. But it cannot be said that scientific research receives anything like the support which should be forthcoming. Learned societies, for example, although they are not lacking in enthusiastic members, always ready with solid contributions to transactions, are usually severely hampered by a want of funds, a difficulty which would be largely met if, as is the case elsewhere, laymen interested in the progress of science enrolled themselves as members.

Fortunately we are beginning to realise that a nation which allows itself to be neglectful of science is running a very serious risk of being left behind in the march of progress. Our schools are waking up to the fact that it is part of their business to make known some of the elementary truths of science, and, what is of greater importance, to inculcate scientific methods of thought. This movement in time will give us a reading public capable of following scientific work with interest, and bring to light, no doubt, unsuspected genius for investigation. The value of such an awakening has a practical and a philosophical side. The first is illustrated by those immense strides in scientifically-guided technology often referred to in our notes on science progress, and negatively by the rough-and-ready methods that dominate many of our own industries. But though it is thus plainly "bad business" to be ignorant of science our loss is perhaps greater from a purely intellectual point of view. Liberal and democratic as we are, it is not a little strange to note how woefully behind the times we are in our ideas. It has been said that bad German philosophy when it dies goes to Oxford, and in the same way early nineteenth century thought and argument appear to survive amongst ourselves. Science is the great clarifier of the intellect, and in our mental evolution an association for its advancement should have a great part to play. It sometimes seems that our scientific men do not realise the duty of pioneer work laid upon them by our conditions. They add eagerly to the stock of knowledge, but they do not help the layman so much as they might to share in conquests already gained. The Association for the Advancement of Science itself, for instance, is very closely modelled upon the British Association, and might perhaps well employ more of its time and influence in educating us in the larger results and the wider implications of science. Like many other virtues, specialisation is apt to become a vice, and we can hardly blame the man in the street if he finds the work of the specialist dull because it is unintelligible, though he would evince a ready interest in a simple exposition of the basic principles of science.

It is true, of course, that science cannot present us with a fully charted map of life, and still less can it exhibit to us a complete working model of nature. In the infinite mosaic of matter and energy many details are still to find, and the scientific worker is strongly tempted to spend his strength in adding a few small stones, with the chance of a glittering gem of unsuspected fact, to the vast design. But the power of science to direct the current of human thought has appeared rather when in a flash of illumination it has massed its facts in some simple and consistent generalisation which appeals at once to the imagination of mankind, and is readily grasped by the unlearned, perhaps, as an apostle of mysticism might assure us, just because it comes so near the fundamental truths of existence. The slow, laborious observation and experiment makes the firm scaffolding of science, but its great worth is that we can climb easily up it and attain the birdseye view. We may criticise as closely as we please the validity of scientific theory. Our senses, guided by science, enable us to construct, we know, only a rough model of things as they seem to us to be. We may doubt, if we like, whether that model, consistent though it be, really corresponds to nature, or even whether there be any ultimate reality behind phenomena. But the fact remains that science offers us the only working hypothesis of life and energy, and the model, put together with incredible, and incredibly unselfish, labour, we must admit is magnificent. Science does not pretend to be philosophy, and still less would it wish to be mistaken for metaphysics. Yet as it looks out on immensity with an eye that annihilates space, or turns its vision inward and scans the intimate secrets of being, there does come to it one clear-throated song, triumphant, though a song without words, and it knows itself an intellectual city "built to music, therefore never built at all, and therefore built for ever."

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

With New Year's Day local government will be established throughout the Eastern and Central Divisions of the country, and the greatest interest will naturally be taken in the progress of this important institution. It will not be matter for surprise if at first shire councils, being to a large extent composed of men whose experience in municipal government has been limited, should make mistakes; but, generally speaking, the work to be done at present is not particularly difficult. Some of the shire councils, we note, are already thinking of how they can best combine economy with efficiency; and doubtless there will be cases where several councils acting together may with advantage to their districts secure a competent officer, who will have time to discharge the engineering work for them all. It would, however, be a grave mistake to sacrifice efficiency to a desire for economy, and councils will do well to see how things shape before they commit themselves to any binding arrangement. Especially is this to be borne in mind in the matter of engineers. Just at present in many parts of the country the most important work that confronts the shire council is the control of roads and bridges and all other works that do not come under the category of national undertakings. Time was when the building of a bridge leading from nowhere to somebody's dwelling was regarded as an undertaking that should be paid for by the State, and persistent "roads-and-bridges members" used to commend themselves to their constituents in proportion to the success which attended their efforts in impressing this view on a Ministry which was not above buying votes at the public expense. We may hope that the term "national undertakings" will be construed very strictly henceforth, and that local improvements will be made at local expense under local supervision.

Obviously, the construction of roads and bridges for purely local requirements being included under the control and maintenance, the councils will have to consider their finances very carefully. Just at present they cannot exercise the powers of rating conferred by the Act, but will have to rely for their revenue on the rates they are empowered to levy under the old Municipalities Act. This measure, which looks new enough when it is called the Act of 1897, is really only the antiquated law which was passed thirty years before this date, and which, however well adapted it was to the needs of a generation ago, is hopelessly out of date now. Presumably the proclamation authorising the councils to strike rates under the Local Government Act will not be delayed any longer than is necessary. Too much importance can hardly be attached to the exercise of the power of local taxation. Councils may make the mistake of imposing upon ratepayers a burden heavier than is necessary for the due fulfilment of their duties, and they may be tempted to use money which should be expended in the improvement of their shires in the erection of imposing buildings for the use of councillors, or in the multiplication of ornamental but unnecessary officers. A safeguard against extravagance, however, is always forthcoming in the shape of local criticism. When the State pays for things which are not necessaries few seem to grumble; but ratepayers who realise that their own money is in question are apt to look very closely at the estimates of expenditure. It is also possible that a mistake may be made by going to the other extreme, and councils, relying on the share of the land tax which will go to them and on the generosity of the Government, may impose a rate inadequate to the work which has to be done. If that means stinting the work on the roads—as has too often been the case in the history of the Victorian shire councils—the local authorities will be doing much to retard their districts. The provision of good roads between producer and market and of general facilities of access is amongst the most important of the duties of the new councils. Everything now depends on the councillors who were elected the other day. Parliament has done all that it can at present, and it now remains for the councillors to show that they can rise to the occasion and wisely and duly administer their own affairs.

SIR JOHN GORST ON NATIONAL EDUCATION.

Sir John Gorst's contribution to that seasonable discussion of educational matters which the school functions have made customary to this time of the year struck at least more than one important note. But in his address in the Melbourne Town Hall last Friday he laid special stress on that part of educational work which is done outside the school. The schoolroom is the place for equipment. The future citizen is furnished there with items of knowledge, but the use he will make of them afterwards and the chances of his becoming a good citizen or not do not depend on this supply of facts and figures. They depend on character, and this is not to be learnt by rote or taught like grammar and mathematics. One of the charges against our common school system before the recent revision was that it was too mechanical—that there was too much of the patent feeding apparatus about it. That objection applies to most elementary systems on a large scale, for the simple reason that the first object is to teach crude essentials and see that as many as possible get the rudiments of school-knowledge. But Sir John Gorst, whose name stands high as a practical thinker on this subject, drew a plain distinction between what he meant by education and mere schooling. By the former, he said, he understood "the process by which children are turned into men or women, capable of taking their place in the world, and fulfilling their obligations and duties to their fellow-creatures." The schoolroom is but an item in the list of influences operating to this end.

Sir John Gorst did not say so in as many words, but he clearly implied his conviction that the process of education depends on the maintenance of the standard of the Australian home. The tone of the home, he said, and the kind of people who come from there, the co-operation of parents in the work of education, are all important factors and moulding influences. "Far more important than physical health or mental health," said the lecturer, "is character—it is the character of a people which decides its position and its influence in the world." It is sometimes said that this home and parental influence is rather undervalued in the education of Australian children. So much is left to the State that there is a tendency to leave even this also. One drawback, in its way, is the difference in conditions between British home life and ours. There the climate keeps growing youth for a good part of the year enclosed within the walls of the home. Parental control is an active and always present influence. In Australia the young live largely out of doors all the year round, and the family tie and home bond are looser. Unless there is direct recognition of the obligation to assert an active share and influence in the education of children on the part of parents, and to do their share in the formation of character, all our efforts in this direction will continue to present a dangerously weak side. "If your national system of education is to be effective," said Sir John Gorst, "you must get the parents to help you."

THE MEAT TRADE.

The trouble in the meat trade between the slaughtermen and their employers is one of those disputes which come home to everyone. Any industrial question affecting the daily food supplies of a great city is at once placed in a class apart from every other kind of trade disagreement. The city cannot get on without its daily supplies, and whether the act is intentional or not a strike which interferes with their regularity aims a blow at the public generally, which public opinion naturally and instinctively resents. This may not be quite fair in this instance to the slaughtermen. Their case may be a perfectly just one, and their demands reasonable enough. The public in ordinary circumstances would be ready to sympathise with a legitimate grievance; and if these servants of the community have justice behind them in contending that their hours of work are too long or their wages too low, public opinion would be found not unwilling to back their claims. But the case becomes different if the slaughtermen bring brute force to bear, relying on their ability to paralyse the meat supply of the city and reduce the trade to a standstill. If they are going to fight their battles at the expense of the citizens they must be prepared to find the community as a whole arrayed against them.

It is unfortunate that the struggle should have reached its acute stage at the holiday time. The matter has been under discussion for about a month, in view of proceedings in the Arbitration Court. An attempt to settle the points in dispute by conference between employers and employed was defeated, apparently at the last moment, by a mass meeting on the eve of the holidays. The calculation on which this action was based was justified by the result, but the operation leaves an unpleasant feeling behind it. If these tactics were in contemplation it was idle to hold a meeting at all. The only object of such a conference was to arrange terms of mutual approach and compromise, but if force is to be applied in this sudden fashion at a critical moment when the other side is at a disadvantage, the position is unsatisfactory all round. It is not sufficient explanation to be told that certain lads in the slaughtering trade got out of hand, so that the men could not control them. The public expects that this control will be exercised if its interests are to be protected. Otherwise, the city's food supply would be at the mercy of a number of youths who are outside the jurisdiction of the Arbitration Court. We had that situation in the case of the wheelers at Newcastle, and the Court knows what it means.

The Advent of Local Government.—With the beginning of the New Year the whole of the Eastern and Central divisions of the State will become self-governing under the authority of the Consolidated Local Government Act. The Minister for Works has issued a letter to every municipal and shire council, informing them that from January 1 they will automatically assume control of all roads and bridges and other works that do not come within the category of national works. The new rating powers will not, however, devolve upon municipalities till after a date which has yet to be fixed. In view of the councils taking over the works, maintenance men under the Public Works Department were notified some time ago that their services would no longer be required after the end of the year, and the officers in charge of road districts will also be withdrawn. Negotiations are proceeding for the engagement by the councils concerned of these officers, and practically the whole of the maintenance men, though it is most likely that after matters adjust themselves room will be found for economising labour. Certain local works have been entered into by the department, and the councils interested will be invited to carry them to completion, at the expense, of course, of the department; but no new work may be entered upon at the cost of the department after the new year.

Removal of the Abattoirs.—It will be probably three years before the new abattoirs at Homebush Point are completed and supersede those at Glebe Island. Parliament has, after long waiting, passed the necessary legislation for this most desired forward movement, but it will take fully three years to construct the new buildings and prepare the avenues of approach, so that the railway, water, and vehicle service may be complete. A railway line has to be laid down to connect the abattoirs with Flemington, and a channel has to be dredged above the Parramatta River Bridge to serve for the passage of small craft carrying live stock to the abattoirs and carcases thence to the wharfs in Sydney Harbour. The new site is close to the saleyards, which have already been extended in view of the ultimate juxtaposition of the abattoirs. There is also a wide expanse of land available for future development. The Works Department will push on as rapidly as possible with the task of construction, because Mr. Lee is anxious to close up the 36 private abattoirs which are in the metropolitan district, and so centralise and supervise the preparation of the flesh food of the people. It is the intention of the Government that the Board of Health shall control the abattoirs.

The Crisis in the Meat Trade.—As there was no work done by the slaughtermen at Glebe Island yesterday, in consequence of the Christmas holiday, there is no further development to report in connection with the difficulty in the meat trade. The Homebush selling agents are to meet at 10 o'clock this morning at Aarons' Exchange Hotel to consider the situation, and the carcase butchers will also discuss the matter at the rooms of the Employers' Federation at 10.30 a.m.

The Failure of Lilyville.—One of the bright schemes of the See Government which depended for its success upon doctrinaire economics has definitely and finally gone down before a practical commercial test. The scheme was to set aside a big area of sandy waste out on the west and south of the Randwick Rifle Range, and make a working man's settlement of it. The working men were to have leases of their blocks, and after they left off work in town they were to dig up the sand and grow things. All went well at first. That is to say, the scheme was notified and the surveys were made and prices fixed, and the date for applications arrived. So far there was not a hitch, but an unsympathising community of working men did not reciprocate "worth a cent." Of all the wide domain only five blocks were taken up. The idea was probably Mr. Crick's, who was then Minister for Lands, because the "settlement," which never settled, was first called Crickville. However, the Minister's native modesty did not move him to perpetuate his memory thus, and in honour of the Premier a name was chosen from his family circle—Lilyville. The present Government intends to try what can be done with alienation, and on January 19 Lilyville is to be offered at auction in blocks ranging from a quarter of an acre to an acre, and in one instance an acre and a half. At a rough calculation the upset price would average £120 an acre, though some of the blocks are set down at a much higher rate. Lilyville is distant from the G.P.O. from five and a half to six and a quarter miles, and now that the freehold is available the Government is advised that there is a good prospect of establishing a popular residential centre.

Plague in Australia.—Although plague rats have been found in Sydney at intervals throughout the year, the first on January 13, and the last on the 12th inst, plague in man has been confined to two small outbreaks, one in March last, when seven persons in two adjoining warehouses were attacked, and all recovered; and a second and widespread outbreak between May 11 and July 25, when 11 persons were attacked and seven died. This second outbreak included three cases of pneumonic plague, all ending fatally. An isolated case of plague, terminating fatally, also occurred on October 6. Throughout the year 19 persons suffered from plague, of whom eight died. Notwithstanding the continuance of infection amongst the rats, chiefly in the neighbourhood of Darling Harbour, occurrence of cases of plague was wholly confined to Sydney, and the experience of 1905, when outbreaks occurred at Newcastle and on the Clarence and Richmond rivers was fortunately not repeated. Small outbreaks occurred in Queensland during the year, there being eight cases at Brisbane between March and June; three further cases in November, and a plague rat on the 4th inst. At Rockhampton ten cases occurred between April and July, and at Cairns 13 cases were reported between July and October. Western Australia is the only other State in which plague has occurred during the year, three cases being reported from Perth between January 12 and February 8; eight from Geraldton between February 21 and March 17, and 14 from Fremantle between February and June. Except the infection among rats indicated by discovery of a plague rat at Brisbane on the 4th inst, and two at Sydney on the 11th and 12th inst, no plague is known to exist throughout the Commonwealth at the present time.

House-Boats.—Everywhere just now one meets people who have either been dissatisfied with the accommodation at many of the seaside or lagoon resorts, or who have been unable to get accommodation at any of them. The stereotyped phrase "full for weeks" has greeted many desirous of making a Christmas trip to the seaside. This condition of affairs points clearly to the coming of the house-boat as an essential adjunct to holiday-making in our glorious climate. In other parts of the world house-boats of magnificent proportions, and beautifully furnished, are plentiful, but here the people have not yet awakened to the fact that portable houses built on punts can be made very comfortable. At a few resorts, such as Cowan Creek, Newport, and Middle Harbour, a number of these craft may be seen. Camping grounds are getting scarcer as land becomes more valuable, but placid water nooks are innumerable and easily accessible. The motor launch is the precursor of the house-boat, and the time cannot be far distant when many of the most delightful coastal resorts will show hundreds of house-boats.

Masonic Hall, Drummoyne.—The foundation-stone of a new Masonic Hall, to be erected in Bridge-street, Drummoyne, next to the post-office, has been laid by W.M. Bro. A. Brown and W.M. Bro. Edward Atkins. The hall on the ground floor will be 63ft long and 35ft 6in wide, with a 16ft stage and necessary ante rooms, and this will be faced by two shops, each 19ft by 15ft. The lodge-room upstairs will be 63ft by 35ft 6in, and there will be a supper-room 42ft by 20ft, three ante rooms, etc. The event was celebrated by a lunch, which was held in the old hall. Alderman Hill proposed "Lodge Drummoyne," and the toast was acknowledged by W.M. Bro. Brown. Several other toasts were proposed.

The English Mails.—The P. and O. Company's R.M.S. India, from London, bound to Sydney, arrived at Fremantle at 1.45 p.m. yesterday, and sailed again at 9.15 p.m. for Adelaide. She brings mails bearing the date of London, November 30, which should be available for delivery in Sydney at about 8 o'clock on Monday morning next. The mails by the Orient-Royal Mail Company's R.M.S. Ortona, dated London, November 23, will reach Sydney to-day, and will be delivered to-morrow morning. Holders of private boxes at the G.P.O., however, will be able to receive their correspondence at about 1.30 p.m. to-day.

Notable Short Men.—Of the present British Cabinet there are five members who are ordinarily described as short in stature. These five gentlemen are the Earl of Elgin, Mr. Lloyd-George, Mr. John Burns, Sir H. H. Fowler, and the Marquis of Ripon. Not only are short men to be found in the political upper service; they are to be found at, or very near to, the top in all the learned professions (writes a correspondent). In the Church, for instance, who has not heard of the very eloquent and active Bishop of Ripon (Dr. Boyd Carpenter)? He is said to be, without boots, exactly five feet five inches. In the army, Lord Roberts is also five feet five inches. His Lordship's short stature has again and again caused smiles to arise to the countenances of those who have seen him at military and social functions, where he has been obliged to "rub shoulders" with brother soldiers who towered over six feet.

Lord Rothschild.—Lord Rothschild completed his sixty-sixth year on November 8. He is a great-grandson of Meyer Rothschild, the founder of the house, whose fortune was based on his honest care of the property of the Elector of Hesse, when he was driven into exile by Napoleon, and whose first political promotion was granted by that remarkable person, Dalberg, the last Archbishop of Mainz, whom Napoleon made Grand Duke of Frankfort and Prince Primate of the Confederation of the Rhine, and who returned to the religious life after the crash of 1813, and died Archbishop of Regensburg. Lord Rothschild's father was elected to Parliament four times before the Jewish Disabilities Act enabled him to take his seat. He inherited his baronetcy, under a special limitation, from an uncle, and was created a peer in 1885. Lord Rothschild uses his vast wealth munificently, but at the same time wisely; and King Edward has few worthier subjects.

A Remarkable Woman.—Madame Curie is generally conceded the honour of being the cleverest woman in the world. Had it not been for her brilliance, it is acknowledged by those who are in a position to know, the wondrous radium might still have been waiting in the bowels of the earth for some scientist to discover it. Although the late M. Curie, whose recent death in Paris was so sudden, was officially regarded as the actual discoverer, it is now an open secret that the Sorbonne's first lady professor was directly responsible for the coup. Now, installed as Professor at the Sorbonne, which was famed as France's premier seat of learning in the remote days of Rabelais, she has her reward. Madame Sklodowska-Curie is 38 years of age. Her features, which are particularly Polish, are regular, although her forehead is higher than one is accustomed to find in woman. Her lips are thin, which gives a touch of harshness to her mouth and suggests past privations. Appropriately her "crowning glory" is her hair, which is like waves of spun gold. She is fairly tall, well-built, and of good constitution—a necessary possession for one whose work is so mentally and physically exacting.

In connection with the holiday to-day, it is notified that workmen's fares will be cancelled on all tramway lines. Improved services will be run on all lines, including a 12-minutes' service on Long Bay-La Perouse. The Bondi Junction-Pitt and Castlereagh streets service will not run. A frequent service will be run to the Randwick Racecourse, commencing at 10.30 a.m., from Circular Quay and central loop (western railway gates). The first-class tram will not run.

BOXING DAY.

HER MAJESTY'S THEATRE.

The matinee performance at Her Majesty's Theatre to-day will consist of "Alice in Wonderland," the dainty fairy pantomime with its legendary animals and dream scenes which Mr. J. C. Williamson is staging every day with a band of clever children, and such incidental attractions as Signor Antonio's dogs and monkeys.

"Parsifal" will be the evening programme at the great playhouse, and will set forth the legend of the Holy Grail in a series of spectacular scenes of almost unparalleled beauty and splendour. Miss Tittell Brune as Kundry, the Cursed One, and Mr. Thomas Kingston as Parsifal, the Guileless One, play the central characters.

THEATRE ROYAL.

At the Theatre Royal Mr. Bland Holt's Boxing Night attraction will be "The Path of Thorns," an exciting melodrama, with the advantage of strong local colouring. Beautiful views of Sydney Harbour, Cremorne, Govett's Leap at Mount Victoria, and many portions of the old city round the Argyll Cut, will be joyfully recognised as the play proceeds.

CRITERION THEATRE.

There will be a holiday matinee of "The New Clown" at the Criterion Theatre to-day, as well as an evening performance. Mr. Hugh Ward, as the lordling vainly endeavouring to learn the business of a clown, assisted by the circus proprietor (Mr. Geo. Willoughby) and the spangled equestrienne (Miss Grace Palotta), causes uproarious laughter.

PALACE THEATRE.

This afternoon and evening there will be performances of "The New Boy" at the Palace Theatre, where Law's farcical piece has been filled out with a number of bright musical interpolations. The action of "The New Boy" deals in amusing fashion with the adventures of a man who masquerades as a boy at school.

TIVOLI THEATRE.

Mr. Harry Rickards announces extra matinees this afternoon, to-morrow, Friday, and Saturday, when, and at night, his present strong programme will be additionally contributed to by Selbo, the King of Clubs, Violet Stockelle, Miss Emmie Morrison, George Deane, Claude Leplastrier, and Charles Howard. Charles Leonard Fletcher is still in the bill. There will be an entirely new first part entitled "The Pierrots."

NATIONAL AMPHITHEATRE.

The National Amphitheatre, newly completed for Mr. James Brennan to seat 4000 people, will open at 7.45 to-night under the direction of Messrs. Chas. and Will Bovis. A first part, "The Picnic Party," a coloured picture pantomime, and a long list of artists including Messrs. C. and W. Bovis, Denis Carney, Carden Wilson, W. Wallace, Wal. Cottier, and many other artists, will form the inaugural programme.

WONDERLAND CITY.

To-day there will be a special holiday programme at Wonderland City. The gates will open at 10 a.m., at which hour all the entertainments will begin and run continuously until 11 p.m. The catering department has made provision for picnic parties. At night the feature will be a display of Pain's fireworks.

LYCEUM—SPENCER'S THEATREGRAPH.

This afternoon and evening, at the Lyceum, Mr. C. Spencer's Theatregraph Company will enter upon the last few representations of their present fine programme of new films. Mephisto Junior's much-talked-of trip, and Miss Kitty O'Neill's American Company in the Irish melodrama "Kathleen Mavourneen," will be included, with many comic subjects. There will be a complete change on Saturday.

PAVILION THEATRE, LIMITED.

This evening the Pavilion Theatre Company, Limited, will open a vaudeville season in a big marquee, electrically lighted and fanned, in Rawson-place. The new Cameragraph will show pantomime and dramatic scenes. Cess Lambo will appear in tramp drolleries, there will be a ballet arranged by Miss Ethel Clifford, and a long list of clever vaudeville artists will appear.

TOWN HALL ORGAN RECITAL.

This evening the city organist will give a recital at the Town Hall, at which a programme of popular music will be presented. Mr. Arthur Mason's selections will include the overture to "Zampa," his own "Venetian Serenade," Gounod's "Nazareth," "Guilmant's "Christmas Themes," Lemmens' "Storm Fantasia," and excerpts from "Carmen," "Mignon," and "Tannhauser."

VARIETY ENTERTAINMENTS.

At the Royal Standard Theatre Mr. Harry Clay's Vaudeville Company will present a special holiday programme this evening, consisting of new biograph pictures, and varied songs and dances by the artists.

At the Atheneum Theatre vaudeville entertainments will be given both this afternoon and evening, when humorous and dramatic moving pictures will be included in the programme.

Mr. George Johnson will open at Queen's Hall this evening with his Queensland Vaudeville Company, when a number of artists will join in an attractive variety entertainment.

AUSTRALIAN AMUSEMENTS COMPANY.

"The World's Touring Cars" are running merrily through Canada and Switzerland from 176 Pitt-street, near the Hotel Arcadia, whilst at 72 Oxford-street the Thripelodian offers a pleasant lounge for ladies shopping, where the latest cinematograph pictures may be seen.

H.A.C.B. SOCIETY.

The Hibernian A.C.B. Society will hold their annual picnic and sports carnival at Clifton Gardens to-day. The gathering is under the patronage of Cardinal Moran, and the proceeds are for the encouragement of the study of Irish history, literature, and language. A large programme, consisting of 17 events in athletic sports and 10 events in dancing competitions, has been arranged. The Sydney Ferries steamers will leave No. 4 Jetty, Circular Quay, every few minutes during the day for Clifton Gardens.

PERSONAL.

The Rev. Dr. John G. Paton, the veteran missionary of the Presbyterian Church, is suffering from illness, which at his advanced age is causing much concern to relatives. Dr. Paton, who is in his 83rd year, has been engaged in New Hebrides mission work nearly half a century.

The Rev. J. Kirkland, the acting-rector of St. James' Church, King-street, in the course of his address at the morning service yesterday, announced that he had received a recent communication from the Rev. W. I. Carr-Smith, who desired him to present his greetings to the congregation. These greetings, the preacher said, were reciprocated. The question of Mr. Carr-Smith's return to Sydney was to be decided early in January. It was the wish of the members of St. James' congregation that the rector might see his way clear to come back to them, for they all revered the man who by his devotion to Christianity and by his great ability had made St. James' the power in the city that most recognised it to be.

The funeral of Mr. William Sullivan took place on Monday at Richmond, where deceased had lived for over 60 years, and it was largely attended. Mr. Sullivan had been successful in business, and owned considerable house property. The burial service was read by the Rev. F. Colwell and K. A. Corner (Methodist) and H. Fryar (Anglican). Mr. Sullivan arrived in Sydney from Ireland in 1839.

Following closely upon a complimentary dinner given by the officers of the Corps of Australian Engineers (N.S.W. District) to Colonel Hubert Foster, R.E., on his appointment as director of military studies at the Sydney University, another social reunion took place last Friday evening at Petty's Hotel. This was a farewell banquet tendered to Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. A. Lee, O.C.S.M. and O.C. corps, to mark the occasion of his appointment as State Commandant of South Australia. Major J. G. Nelson, V.D., the director of military telegraphs, occupied the chair. Among those present were Lieutenant-Colonel C. Stuart-Cansdell, Major A. Spain, Captain A. J. Pinchen, Captain J. P. Alexander, V.D., Captain A. Talbot, Captain A. W. Warden, and Lieutenants Fitzmaurice, Rowe, Calvert, Bainton, Littlejohn, Gibson, Sheldon, Huxtable, Jessep, and Thresher. Apologies from several officers were received. After the toast of "The King," Major Nelson in felicitous terms proposed the health of Colonel Lee, who, he said, had laboured so indefatigably in the interests of the corps, particularly in the submarine mining service, with which Colonel Lee had been connected ever since its formation in 1888. Although they were about to lose the assistance of their present commanding officer, they were pleased at his selection to higher command, which advancement must indeed be taken as complimentary to the engineer service. Major Spain, O.C. Nos. 1 and 4 Field Companies, Captain Alexander, O.C. No. 2 Electric Company, and Lieutenant Calvert, of No. 1 Submarine Mining Company, supported the toast, which was drunk with enthusiasm. Lieutenant-Colonel Lee responded, thanking his comrades for their kind appreciation. Although soon to be parted from the Engineers his interest, he said, in them and their work would not flag. He thanked them heartily for the manner in which they had honoured him that evening.

Advantage was taken of the Christmas gathering of St. Francis' choir, Haymarket, yesterday to present the soprano soloist, Miss Clara Bell, with a gift on the eve of her marriage. The presentation was made by the Rev. J. J. Byrne, who was supported in his complimentary remarks by Mr. Paul Tracey, conductor of the choir.

Dr. Fred. W. Marshall, of Sydney, died after a series of epileptic fits at the residence of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Pound, at East Wellington, early yesterday morning. Deceased was spending a holiday there, and was apparently in his usual health up to the time of the attack.

DISTURBANCE IN RILEY-STREET.

A MAN AND A WOMAN STABBED.

At an early hour yesterday morning a disturbance occurred in Riley-street, near Oxford-street, during which Maria Lacy, or Brown, 23, a resident of Riley-street, was stabbed in the neck, and James Lamb, 33, who was in company with the woman at the time, was stabbed about the head and face.

From statements made to the police, it appears that at about 3.30 a.m. a number of men and women had an altercation in Riley-street. Two of their number commenced to fight, and the others quickly joined in the disturbance. Stones and bottles were thrown, one of the latter striking Lacy and knocking her down. She quickly regained her feet, but a few minutes later was stabbed in the neck with a knife. While she was on the ground it is alleged that she was kicked severely by one of the men present. Lamb was also severely dealt with. He had three severe scalp wounds and a gash on the face, which looked as though they had been inflicted with a knife. Word was sent to No. 3 Police Station, but the crowd had dispersed when the constables arrived. The man and woman were at once removed to the Sydney Hospital, where they were admitted by Dr. Bell. The woman was in a serious condition, and later in the day Mr. Boultbee, Chamber Magistrate at the Central Police Station Court, attended the hospital and took her dying depositions. The man's wounds were not so severe, and after being in the observation room for some time he left the institution.

As a result of the statements made, two women and a man were subsequently arrested and charged with maliciously wounding.

MELBOURNE STRIKE.

GIFTS OF PROVISIONS.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

Unless the men on strike in the building trade are prepared to fall in with the proposal of the Minister of Labour for a conference, it is certain that when the new year opens they will be still out of work. The employers, in yielding to the solicitation of Mr. Prendergast, M.L.A., in the first instance in accepting every condition of the proposed conference, have taken the utmost step along the line of compromise. It remains for the strikers to agree unreservedly to the conference. Several of the leader's are hopeful that a conference of representatives from each side will be held this week. It is understood that a move will be made on Thursday to bring it about, but unless the strikers are prepared to accept the terms laid down in Mr. Mackey's proposal, it seems as if it would be a waste of time to do anything in the matter.

In the distribution of Christmas cheer several kindly-disposed people thought of the families of the strikers. For nearly eight weeks families of eight and nine have had in some instances to live on a few pounds strike pay. The payment of rent has been out of the question as food could barely be got with that money. Large quantities of groceries were received at the Trades Hall on Monday, and these were distributed among the most necessitous cases.

TO-DAY.

Sydney Cricket Ground: Victoria v. N. S. Wales Juniors, 10.30 a.m.

Hibernian A. C. B. Society: Annual Demonstration and Sports Carnival.

Mosman Recreation Club: Tennis Tournament, Belmont-road.

Bondi Beach: Australian Pierrots.

Randwick Races: First event, 12.30 p.m.

Her Majesty's Theatre: "Alice in Wonderland," 2 p.m.; "Parsifal," 7.45 p.m.

Theatre Royal: "A Path of Thorns," 8 p.m.

Criterion Theatre: "The New Clown," 2 and 8 p.m.

Tivoli Theatre: Vaudeville, 2.30 and 8 p.m.

Palace Theatre: "The New Boy," 2.15 and 8 p.m.

Lyceum Hall American Theatrescope Company, 2.30 and 8 p.m.

National Amphitheatre: Vaudeville, 7.45 p.m.

Clay's Vaudeville Company: St. George's Hall, Newtown, 8.

Bohemian Dramatic Company: Hay-street, 2.30 and 8 p.m.

The Atheneum: Vaudeville, 3 and 8 p.m.

Wonderland City, Bondi: 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Zoological Gardens: 10 a.m.

Manly Pavilion: Vaudeville, 8 p.m.

Alhambra: Moving Pictures, 8 p.m.

Manly: London Poster King, 7.30 p.m.

Queen's Hall: Johnson's Vaudeville Co., 8 p.m.

Pavilion Theatre Co.: Rawson-place and Pitt-street, 8 p.m.

Albert Neville's Vaudeville Co.: Masonic Hall, Kurrajong, 8 p.m.

Exhibition of Water-colour Sketches: 76 Vickery's chambers, Pitt-street, 10 a.m.

Meeting of Carcase Butchers, 117 Pitt-street, to discuss and arrange matters in connection with the industrial trouble in the slaughtering trade, 10.30 a.m.

NAVAL STOKERS.

FURTHER DISAFFECTION.

DRASTIC DISCIPLINE.

LONDON, Dec. 25.

There are fresh signs of disaffection at the Naval Barracks at Portsmouth. An officer, when going his rounds, found a hammock unpacked. A first-class petty officer in charge of the room was accordingly disrated. *Ill-feeling ensued among* the few men in barracks. They were not connected with the recent riots.

When Commander H. F. Sinclair was inspecting a ca[illegible]en the seamen present coughed obtrusively. They were arrested and put in irons.

Commodore A. A. C. Galloway sentenced the prisoners to forty-two days' imprisonment for incitement to disorder and disrespect. He also sentenced an untruthful witness called for the prisoners to 14 days in the cells.

The whole of the men in barracks were paraded, and warned that discipline would be drastically maintained. One hundred marines were ordered to be in readiness in the event of an outbreak.

Several stokers were discharged on the ground that they are not desirable men to have in the navy.

THE TSU-SHIMA DISASTER.

SENTENCES OF DEATH.

LONDON, Dec. 25.

Admiral Niebogatoff, who took command of the Russian fleet at Tsu-shima after the disablement of Admiral Rozhdestvensky, and the captains of three battleships, not including the Orel, have been tried by court-martial for surrendering to the Japanese and for their conduct in the battle. They were condemned to death, but in view of extenuating circumstances and because the accused have many years of blameless service, the Czar has been recommended to commute the sentence in every case to ten years' confinement in a fortress.

Of other officers tried four were sentenced to from two to four months' confinement in a fortress. The remainder were acquitted.

LATE PRINCIPAL RAINY.

MEMORIAL SERVICE IN EDINBURGH.

LONDON, Dec. 25.

Yesterday a memorial service for the late Principal Rainy was held at Edinburgh, synchronising with the funeral in Melbourne. Among those present were representatives of the Established Church of Scotland, of the United Free Church, of the Free Church, and of other denominations, Lord Overtoun, Lord Provost of Edinburgh, Principal Rainy's sister and daughter, and his son, Mr. A. Ronald Rainy, M.P.

IMPUDENT SWINDLERS.

A GAOLER BRIBED.

LONDON, Dec. 24.

Brothers named Will were arrested in Bavaria for obtaining large sums of money by false pretences. A third brother, who was not arrested, induced their gaoler to liberate them by promising him a reward of £17,500, and £100,000 in a year's time, on the representation that they were really the Austrian Crown Prince and his brother.

The gaoler was sentenced to two years' imprisonment. The brothers Will were rearrested, and were sentenced to long terms of imprisonment.

THE GERMAN ELECTIONS.

SUPPLIES FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

LONDON, Dec. 25.

The "Cologne Gazette" is discussing the possibility, under the Constitution of the German Empire, of the Government's obtaining supplies so as to arrange for the necessary expenditure while the Reichstag is not sitting.

The outlook of the elections is not satisfactory from a Government standpoint.

SMALL HOLDINGS.

BRITISH COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

LONDON, Dec. 25.

The departmental committee on small holdings, presided over by the Earl of Onslow, recommends the extension of small holdings under State supervision by means of an annual parliamentary grant, and the promotion of all forms of agricultural co-operation, including credit societies, by means of State loans.

The committee also recommends that provision be made for further facilities for systematic agricultural instruction.

FRENCH DISESTABLISHMENT.

VATICAN PROTESTS TO POWERS.

LONDON, Dec. 24.

The Vatican has made a protest to the Powers against the disestablishment of the Roman Catholic Church in France. The protest emphasises that the lay authorities and the public worship associations are given rights belonging exclusively to the hierarchy.

RAILWAY COLLISION IN AMERICA.

LORD DELAVEL BERESFORD KILLED.

LONDON, Dec. 25.

Among those killed in the railway collision at Enderlin, North Dakota, was Lord Delavel Beresford, the owner of large ranches in Canada and Mexico.

Lord Delavel Beresford was a brother of Lord Charles Beresford. He was 44 years of age.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

LONDON, Dec. 24.

Viscount Cross (Conservative) urges Anglicans to bear privately the expense of special religious instruction in their schools.

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL.

SOUTH AFRICA AND NEW ZEALAND.

LONDON, Dec. 24.

Lord Selborne, High Commissioner for South Africa, in congratulating the South African football team now in England on the splendid way in which it has upheld South Africa's reputation, suggests that the team from New Zealand which played in England in 1905 should be invited to visit South Africa.

OPIUM TRAFFIC IN CHINA.

RESTRICTIVE REGULATIONS.

DENS RUTHLESSLY CLOSED.

LONDON, Dec. 25.

Dr. Morrison, Peking correspondent of the "Times," enumerates China's proposals to Great Britain regarding the Indian opium trade in connection with the gradual extinction of the opium traffic in China.

The regulations include the restriction of the importation of Indian opium into China until the disappearance of the traffic within 10 years, the doubling of the import duty on Indian opium, and the immediate enforcement of the morphia clause in the Mackay treaty (1902), without awaiting the assent of the other Powers.

Dr. Morrison adds that the opium dens in Tientsin and elsewhere are being ruthlessly closed.

The edict of the Emperor of China was issued on September 20, at Peking, and was couched in these terms:—"Since the abolition of the edict against opium the poison has spread through the country until it is almost over all China. Those who become addicted to the habit are known to have wasted their time, neglected their trades, ruined their constitutions, and even squandered their property because of it. For the several tens of years since this condition of things China has become poorer and poorer every day, and it makes us deeply indignant to speak of this matter. As the Throne is now determined on the cause and on reform, it becomes incumbent upon us to exhort our people to stop the pernicious habit, pluck out this cancer which is eating deep into our bodies and strive for an era of physical health and harmony. We, therefore, hereby decree that a limit of ten years be given from date to entirely get rid of the bane of opium smoking, and we hereby further command the Council of State Affairs (Chengwuch'u) to consider measures about the future strict prohibition of the habit and the planting of the poppy plant throughout the Empire, and report the same to us for approval."

Edicts against opium have been issued, but on this occasion the Government showed that it was in earnest in seeking to abolish the evil. Its first step after the publication of the edict was to draw up regulations for the gradual stoppage of its importation and uses and for the gradual cure of its slaves. We learn from these regulations that all persons using opium must be registered either at a yamen or with their village headman. No unregistered person may purchase opium, and no person may commence the use of opium after the issue of these regulations. Then, again, the provincial authorities are to devise methods for decreasing opium smoking by persons addicted to the habit. Those above the age of 60 years will be treated leniently. Persons under 60 years of age must decrease their smoking by 20 per cent. annually. It is added that persons who evade this regulation will be punished. All shops selling opium will be closed gradually. All places where opium is smoked on the premises will be closed within six months. No new opium shops are to be opened. Local officials are to assist the people addicted to the use of opium by distributing at cost price or gratis suitable medicines, which are not to contain opium or morphia.

Officials are enjoined to set an example to the people in discontinuing the use of opium. Those above the age of 60, as other people above 60, will be treated leniently, which probably means that they will enjoy their dissipation to the close of their lives. Special arrangement will be made to allow Princes, Dukes, Viceroys, and Tartar generals to provide substitutes for their posts during the period of cure. All officials under the age of 60 must abandon the habit within six months. If they cannot do so they must retire. The cultivation of the poppy and the use of opium are to cease within 10 years. The cultivation of the poppy may not be extended beyond its present limits; it must be restricted annually by one-tenth of its present area. In the event of any evasion of this regulation the land of the cultivator is liable to be confiscated. On the other hand, if the cultivation is ceased earlier, rewards will be given.

GOLDSMITHS' COMPANY'S PREMISES ROBBED.

LONDON, Dec. 24.

Burglars entered the premises of the Goldsmiths' Company, in Oxford-street, yesterday, and stole jewellery valued at £3000. The burglars obtained an entrance by climbing a wastepipe and forcing a skylight.

CREMATION OF INFANTS.

LONDON, Dec. 24.

Police at Paris raided a maternity home, and found a stove where it is alleged over 100 new-born infants had been cremated.

VICTORIA FALLS COMPANY.

LONDON, Dec. 25.

The preference shares, £625,000, of the Victoria Falls Power Company have been fully subscribed.

COMMUNICATION WITH TRAINS.

LONDON, Dec. 24.

Dr. Alva Jones, of Louisville, has solved the problem of maintaining telephonic communication with moving trains.

THE OVERDUE RANGATIRA.

LONDON, Dec. 25.

Forty-five guineas per cent. has been paid to reinsure the steamer Rangatira, now overdue on the voyage from Manila to Newcastle.

NEW ZEALAND MINING COMPANY.

LONDON, Dec. 25.

The Blackwater Mines, New Zealand, has been registered with a capital of £250,000.

TRADE WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

NEW ZEALAND'S BARGAIN.

WELLINGTON, Tuesday.

Mr. Kidston, Premier of Queensland, in an interview, referred to the reciprocal treaty with South Africa. He said he was afraid that the Federal Government had been caught napping. South Australia and New South Wales should have got the trade New Zealand was now likely to obtain. He should imagine that the arrangement which New Zealand had just concluded would be much better than the one existing between South Africa and Australia.

THE MOTOR-CAR FATALITY IN VICTORIA.

CRUSHED BETWEEN CAR AND BANK.

MELBOURNE, Monday.

Owing to the great number of holiday visitors to Healesville and the surrounding holiday resorts, unusual interest has been excited in the melancholy motor accident on Black Spur on Sunday, when Miss Gidley was killed, and her fiancee, Mr. Pemberton, seriously injured. Other passengers in the car, which is one of the service connecting the railway at Healesville with Narbethong, state that immediately after the accident the car was stopped by the powerful hand brake a few feet from where Mr. Pemberton lay. Miss Gidley was on her feet staggering about and wailing, "My shoulder's broken, I'm gone for." Some ladies hastily stripped off her clothing, and examined her, but beyond a bruise on the chest no sign of the injuries could be found. An hour later she died while being conveyed to Healesville. Her body was kept at Healesville until to-day, and then sent to Melbourne. A post-mortem made by Dr. Mollison showed that death was due to fracture of the breast bone and ribs, caused by being crushed between the mudguard of the car and the side of the bank. The district Coroner has ordered an inquest.

If you want to BORROW MONEY go to N.S.W. Mont de Piete Co., Ltd. Capital £100,000. 74 Castlereagh-street, 74. Eustace Bennett, general manager.—Advt.

VICTORIA.

HEAVY MAILS.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

The General Post Office mail for December, up to the 24th, has been the heaviest on record. This was partly caused by the Federal election matter early in the month, and Christmas business was greater than ever before. The interstate mails were beyond previous experience.

THE MISSING DREDGE WALRUS.

In connection with the search for the missing dredge Walrus, the Blue Funnel liner Laertes, which arrived here from Glasgow on Saturday, passed within two and a-half miles of St. Paul's Island. A solitary fisherman in a boat was observed at about a mile off the island. No other evidence of life was apparent. It was concluded that the fisherman belonged to a sealing expedition. Although the Laertes could be easily seen by the fisherman, he made no sign even of salutation. Captain Williams was ignorant at the time of the supposed fate of the Walrus.

STRANGE OCCURRENCE.

A strange occurrence in Allan's-lane, off Little Collins-street, on Monday afternoon is being inquired into by the police. John Deady, who drives a Magdalene laundry cart, was standing waiting in a lane for a lift to descend. Suddenly he heard a sharp report, and felt a stinging sensation in his right leg. He found that one of his trousers had been ripped and a small piece of flesh torn from the calf. He saw two men walking towards him, and noticed one of them appeared to be concealing something in a hip pocket. The men walked off at a sharp pace. Deady jumped into a cart, and drove to the Detective Office at full speed. The police made a careful search of the lane, and found a bullet.

J. Taylor, of the Melbourne Cricket Club staff, scorer in many important matches, has been obliged to undergo an operation for the removal of one of his eyes. His sight has been seriously affected for some time, and the removal of the eye was necessary to save him from complete blindness. Fortunately the operation is likely to be successful.

FEDERAL ELECTIONS.

LATEST RETURNS.

SENATE.

QUEENSLAND.

CHATAWAY, THOS. D. (A.S.)	59,312
SAYERS, R. J. (A.S.)	57,056
ST. LEGER, A. J. J. (A.S.)	55,928
*HIGGS, WM. G. (S.)	52,491
GRIFFITHS, JAS. (S.)	45,530
LUNDAGER, J. H. (S.)	45,201
*DAWSON, A. (S.)	25,942

Owing to the tardy manner in which the Senate election returns in Queensland are being received, it has been decided that an extension of the date of the return of the writ is absolutely necessary, and a proclamation to that effect will be issued immediately.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

QUEENSLAND.

OXLEY (complete).

*EDWARDS, R. (A.S.)	8,722
MERRY, A. J. (S.)	4,372

* Members of last Parliament.

MOUNT LYELL WAGES QUESTION.

FURTHER INCREASES REFUSED.

REPLY BY THE GENERAL MANAGER.

QUEENSTOWN (Tas.), Tuesday.

The following circular was posted this evening at the various departments of the Mount Lyell Company's works, being Mr. Sticht's reply to the delegation in regard to the wages question:—

"Owing to the circumstance that the delegation which recently called upon me was the outcome of the deliberations of a minority of the men employed by the company in its various parts of operation, I was not in a position to deal positively with the delegation, nor to give its members a final answer to the requests put forward as far as they affected the management of the company. However, in view of the universal interest taken by the employees in the matters that were broached, a communication touching the latter is in place. The requests made were as follows:—

1. That the division of miners into first and second class be abolished, and only one class be instituted at the higher rate of pay.
2. That all overtime and Sunday work be paid for at the rate of time and a half.
3. That an increase of 6d for all men working for the company above the present rate, equal to 1s over the old rate, be paid.

"1. In this regard the company follows the custom established by the more prominent companies engaging a larger number of men. The classification is based on common-sense *principles, applying generally in the world,* with the graduation of rates of pay, and necessitated by natural differences between men doing the same class of skilled work.

"2. The company is now following the custom that has always been established on the West Coast, and is practised by the more prominent mining companies here. The company regrets the necessity of either Sunday work or overtime, but both are in many instances only the unavoidable outcome of the climate. At the reduction works Sunday work cannot be stopped. At Mount Lyell No. 1 mine it is made necessary by the bad weather experienced on other days in the week, and if stopped would entail a forfeiture of one-sixth of the time worked. This is equivalent to a reduction of the company's ore and metal output of one-sixth, and this means the loss of one-sixth of its revenue, which in itself is a cogent argument against a simultaneous increase in wages.

"3. Questions of this kind are matters of the company's policy and general fairness to its employees. The company has never in the past, even in poor times, lowered wages. It has, on the contrary, raised them in individual instances and departments, and at all times has given concessions to its employees which no other company in the Commonwealth does. It has right along paid a relatively higher wage than any other similar company in the world depending on similar natural resources, that is, low-grade average ore, etc. It has now voluntarily raised wages all round for one year, taking on itself all risk of higher working costs, the uncertainty of metal prices, and other circumstances which cannot be foreseen, and which may prejudicially affect the company's revenue during that time. The requested further increase is a matter which, as the only proper and responsible judge of the company's justifiable action in that respect, I cannot conscientiously recommend my board of directors to alter at the present time.

"Finally, briefly stated, the company has always treated its employees fairly and squarely in the past. It is doing so now, and may be fully relied upon to continue doing so in the future."

LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS.

KIAMA, Tuesday.

At a meeting of the Gerringong Council yesterday a letter was received from the Under-Secretary of the Works Department referring to the Local Government Act, 1906, which consolidates the Local Government Shires Act of 1905 and Local Government Extension Act of 1906, and pointing out that the Act in question repeals and replaces the Municipalities Act of 1897 from January 1, 1907. Attention was specially drawn to the provisions of clause 1, sub-clauses 1, 2, and 3, whereby all provisions of the new Act affecting municipalities are brought into operation on January 1, 1907, except those relating to rating, which are not to come into operation until proclaimed, the council continuing to levy rates under the Municipalities Act until then.

The council was also reminded that there will not be any need for the usual municipal election in February, as the existing aldermen are kept in office until the last Friday in January, 1908; that the existing municipal rolls may be used at any election to fill an extraordinary vacancy should one occur before January 31, 1908; that the election of Mayor is fixed for some day between the 1st and 15th February, and the date of retirement of the Mayor now in office is fixed for February 28 next, the newly elected Mayor to take office on March 1.

There was also a telegram from the Works Department stating that the Local Government Extension Act requires municipalities to give attention to all roads from January 1 next, departmental officers having been withdrawn, but the department was prepared to finish any incomplete day labour and contract works, the council's engineer to supervise and certify before the department pays. The council's consent to this arrangement was invited.

A motion agreeing to take over the roads was passed.

A letter was read from the Cambewarra Shire Council inviting the Gerringong Council to join with the shires of Cambewarra and Clyde, and municipalities of Berry, Broughton Vale, Nowra, and South Shoalhaven in securing the services of a district engineer.

The council was of opinion that action in this direction would be premature at present, and therefore postponed consideration of the matter.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

A QUIET HOLIDAY.

Christmas Day broke dry but boisterous in the metropolis; the stormy weather of Christmas Eve had passed away, carrying with it all the rainclouds, but leaving squally, disagreeable conditions. Towards afternoon, however, the wind moderated, so that the day was after all perfectly adapted for its purposes. The hours before noon are invariably used by the majority of the community for work or rest, and the afternoon is reserved for quiet and outdoor pleasures. Such was the practice yesterday. The churches of all denominations were well attended at the morning service. In the afternoon the trams and trains and ferry-boats were well patronised, but it was noticeable that the traffic was but slightly, if at all, in excess of that common on Sundays. The pleasantest experiences of the day were the functions at the hospitals and charity centres, where special efforts were successfully made to cheer those whose life lacks cheerfulness. The Government had subsidised benevolent bodies with a special gift of £2000, and although that sum was spread over many organisations, it was a welcome addition to the private gifts of those who would not feel that it was Christmas unless they were feeding someone less well bestowed with the world's goods, or buying them presents of some sort. In the evening there were several sacred concerts, and some moonlight trips on the waters of the harbour and its estuaries, but again it was obvious that the day was preferred as offering an opportunity for family reunions round the domestic hearth.

Those who restrained their love of exciting pleasure yesterday may give free rein to their will to-day, for the country will be bubbling over with fun. Our advertising columns tell of scores of pleasure engagements. There are numerous water excursions, and special train and tram journeys. The A.J.C. Summer Meeting will be continued at Randwick; Wonderland will be open day and night; most of the theatres will have double performances; and this year there are many new side shows distributed over the city.

ROUND THE COTS.

CHRISTMAS MORNING SCENES.

If the yells of delight and the babel of childish tongues in thousands of homes yesterday morning could have been gathered in one great phonograph receiver a record which would make humanity stagger would have been secured. Long before daylight broke there were mysterious sounds and whispers amongst the cots, and parents peeping slyly through or round the corners of the curtains of the big beds watched the operations of little chubby fingers wrestling with what must have seemed to the children like labyrinthal knots. Such commonplace, hold-little things as socks and stockings which had been carefully hung overnight on the bedposts had generally disappeared, and in their places were generous pillow-slips, with suspicious handles or knots sticking out at the tops. How many parents watched the antics of their little ones yesterday morning tugging at the knots, at first cautiously, and then lustily, with glances over to the other bed to see if mother was awake!

Then, like a snowy avalanche, the many thousands of night-dressed youngsters descended from the cots and beds, and the goods that Daddy Christmas had brought were tumbled out with noisy clatter. Nearly all the little ones had a firm belief in the beneficence and reality of a grey-bearded, red-robed Daddy Christmas. Indeed, many who visited some of the Sydney shops shook hands with him and had been promised certain presents if they were good. Even the older ones who had passed the stage of belief in the grand old benefactor knew that something—they knew not what—awaited them on Christmas morning.

There was no sleep for many fathers and mothers from 4 a.m. yesterday. Momus was banished with the shriek of bugles and horns, the clicking of mechanical toys along the floors, the clatter of miniature stoves and teasets and a hundred and one other rackets that only toys and children know how to make. Each fresh treasure unpillow-slipped evoked new roars of delight, and very soon the houses where children dwell were like miniature toyshops. During the last five or six years toys have become wonderfully cheap, and the variety from which to select was enormous. No one seems to feel the expense for long. The main thought with parents is, "They will only be children a little while," and so father dives down into his money pocket and mother flatters herself that she is doing it all. There are few households in which the b[illegible] of charity in this respect did not enter yesterday, and who dare say the expenditure was wrong and unjustified? The chorus from the cots yesterday was sufficient answer.

IN THE HOSPITAL WARDS.

DECORATIONS, PRESENTS, AND CAROLS.

Christmas is an institution which is not forgotten by those who care for the sick and dying in the hospitals in and around Sydney. Sufferers stretched on beds of pain were lulled to sleep on the eve of the festival by the soft singing of carols. Christmas music greeted their ears on awakening. In the dim light of the early dawn many a frail little form sat upright in its cot, and stretched out an eager hand towards a stocking full of toys, knowing that Santa Claus, who visits children when they are well, does not forget them when they are lying in the wards of a big hospital. And the older patients, too, who in their time of illness are more than ever grown up children, awaited the coming of Christmas with pathetic eagerness, and when it came, made the most of the welcome relief from the monotony of the sick bed.

At the Sydney Hospital the severity of the wards had disappeared behind festoons of leaves and flowers. Each ward had its own scheme of decoration, consisting for the most part of ropes of greenery stretching the length of the room, and twined round the white pillars which run down the middle of the ward. The beds were included in the decorative scheme, and one patient, who is suffering from a fractured leg, had decorated the cradle under which the injured limb reposed, and was viewing his handwork with great satisfaction. There are not many children in the Sydney Hospital, and perhaps on that account those who are patients there had a very good time. A multitude of toys had been sent them by Messrs. David Jones and Co., Lassetter and Co., and Hordern Bros., and most of the children were not too ill to be intensely interested in the working of them, and to keep the nurses busily engaged in winding them up. Two boys, whose trouble is mental, and who are known, from the similarity of their mental equipment as Tweedledum and Tweedledee, compared their respective presents. One of them, whose taste runs in the direction of personal adornment, exhibiting half a dozen bangles and bracelets on his arms, with an air of great satisfaction. In another ward a little fellow, not old enough to talk, lay on his back with one of his legs swathed in bandages, hoisted in the air. He was complacently balancing his toys on the injured leg, and endeavouring to tell his mother, who had come to see him, what he thought of Christmas in a hospital. His mother seemed to understand, at least she said she did, and her look of joy at her son's new interest in life was worth going a long way to see.

The older patients looked subdued but happy. To one entering the wards the contrast between the bright sunshine outside and the soft green light that filtered through the drawn blinds was striking, but patients who dose fitfully through half the day would not have asked for the broad glare of the afternoon sun. Most of them had their friends visiting them, and there was no restriction on number or the duration of their stay. There was something to engage their attention all day—the gifts of the morning, the choral services and Communion in the chapel, the extra fare at dinner—especially the knowledge that it was a concession wrung from the doctor—the visits of their friends and of a choir of carol-singers, and the chapel service at evensong.

Christmas Day at the Sydney Hospital is typical of the festival at other institutions. At the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital the nurses decorated the wards most effectively with festoons of blue and white paper flowers, pot plants, and palms, the general effect being charming. In the children's ward yesterday a large Christmas tree stood denuded of its toys, while the results of the spoliation were in evidence at every bedside in the shape of guns, horses, and a variety of articles dear to childhood. Some of the poor little mites were beyond taking even a passing interest in their playthings, but the majority of the children were keenly occupied in examining the mechanical working of the toys, and exhibiting the same to astounded nurses and parents. The adult patients all received a present of some kind, and were not allowed to forget the festival.

The patients at the Coast Hospital had a happy day yesterday. The institution contains at present a large number of children, including 70 in the scarlet fever ward, and they had their Christmas trees on the previous day. Yesterday the patients were allowed out in the open air as far as possible, and most of them were visited by their friends. At St. Vincent's Hospital, the Women's Hospital, and the Royal Hospital for Women everything that kindness and thoughtful care could suggest was done to make the Christmas of the inmates a happy one. The Children's Hospital patients at the Glebe were not overlooked, a special dinner being provided for them by Lady Allen.

In the Balmain Hospital there are not so many patients as usual, but those there are were not forgotten on Christmas Day. The wards were decorated, and Christmas fare was provided, while the children were regaled with lollies, fruit, cakes, etc., in addition to being presented with toys.

The Christmas festivities were duly observed at the Hospital for Insane, Callan Park. *The various dining rooms* were decorated with greenery, flags, festoons of coloured paper, etc., and presented a gay appearance. The Christmas dinner was a notable affair. Poultry, roast and boiled pork, plum pudding, rice pudding, raisins, lollies, nuts, fruit, etc., formed the menu, while each male patient was also supplied with half a pint of beer, and pipes, pouches, a special allowance of tobacco, neckties, etc., were distributed among the well-behaved and good working patients. Mr. Edwards, the assistant superintendent, Dr. Moffitt, the senior medical officer, and their assistants saw that each and all were as far as possible made to feel the influence of the season. The institution was opened to visitors, who not only had an opportunity of admiring the decorations, but of appreciating the spotless cleanliness and perfection of the arrangements generally. Owing to the favourable season, too, the grounds were in splendid order.

The Newtown Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union (the Rea "Y" Union) gave an entertainment to the inmates of the Marrickville Cottage Hospital. The proceedings opened by presenting the patients with bouquets of Christmas bush, Christmas bells, and flannel flowers, tied with white ribbon, with text cards attached. Two carols were rendered by the members; songs by Misses Holmes, Donaldson, and Mr. Whitaker; trios by Messrs. Burns, Donaldson, and Whitaker; recitations by Misses Stella Kingsbury, Eagling, Birdie Mason, and Madge Tolley. Miss Catts acted as accompanist. The matron thanked the members on behalf of the patients for the bright entertainment. The matron entertained the members at afternoon tea.

CHURCH SERVICES.

ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL.

Special services were held at St. Andrew's Cathedral yesterday morning and evening, the altar, chancel, and pulpit being prettily decorated with white flowers and greenery in honour of the day. Holy Communion was celebrated at 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. respectively, and at the conclusion of the morning service. The preacher in the morning was the Bishop of Perth. He took for his text Luke 2, verse 10, and spoke of the "glad message" of Christmas Day being one which was for all people. The Bishop said there was great need for more sympathy in regard to giving the "glad tidings" to the aborigines of Australia. He made special reference to the natives in the North and Western Australia, and the North of Queensland. Already the missions in Queensland had shown that the natives could appreciate and be benefited by the Gospel; and Christians should think more than they did of that way of proclaiming the "glad tidings."

The Primate, Dr. Saumarez Smith, gave a short address at the evening service, which, like the morning service, was attended by a very large congregation. His Grace based his address on Jeremiah 29, verse 11—"Thoughts of Peace." He said that this ancient phrase in Holy Writ had a legitimate application to Christmas, and to Christmas now. The Prophet had spoken of the Divine purposes of peace and love for the exiled Jews, and pointed to that feature of inspiration. He could see how applicable then that was to the manifestations of God's reconciling and restoring love in Christ. The carols they sang were full of thoughts of peace. They should not forget that the peace which all men needed was to be found only in Christ.

ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL.

Large congregations attended the early masses at St. Mary's Cathedral yesterday morning. High mass was celebrated at 11 o'clock, when there was not adequate seating accommodation for all who were present. The celebrant was the Rev. P. C. Cregan, professor of St. Patrick's College, Manly. The deacon was the Rev. Mr. M'Hugh, and the sub-deacon the Rev. Mr. Kelleher, while the duties of master of ceremonies were performed by Mr. Carrick (all being connected with the Manly College). Cardinal Moran preached the sermon. The music was of a special character. The choir, under the leadership of Mr. J. A. Delany, rendered Dvorak's mass in D. The soloists were Mrs. Tierney, soprano; Miss Morven, contralto; Mr. J. P. O'Halloran, bass; and Mr. P. J. Barrett, tenor. The "Adeste Fideles" was sung at the offertory by Mr. Tierney and the choir, with full orchestral accompaniment, led by Mr. White. At the conclusion of the service the choir and orchestra rendered the chorus, "Light of the World," by Sir Edward Elgar, the service not concluding until 1 p.m. The evening devotions at the Cathedral were also largely attended, the sermon being preached by the Rev. Father O'Kelly, of Forest Lodge.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

Good congregations assembled on Christmas Day at St. James', King-street. The church was decorated, and there were between 400 and 500 communicants. The midday service was a choral eucharist with sermon. Mr. Mason and his choir rendered their part of the service excellently, and the celebrating clergyman was the Rev. J. P. Milne. The acting-rector, the Rev. J. Kirkland, preached from the words: "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem." The preacher dwelt upon the message of the Christmas season to the world. It was not, he said, only the declaration of the sympathy of God with mankind, but at the cradle of the Son of God all Christian people met. The Roman, Greek, Anglican, and Nonconformist world were worshipping at the shrine of the Babe of Bethlehem. There were many differences on other aspects of religion, but there was hope for men becoming more and more united who accepted the cardinal doctrine of salvation through Christ. Christmas revealed not the divisions of the Churches but the unity. It was a great spectacle for those who had eyes to see it, viz., a vast concourse of all kinds of Christians journeying to the birthplace of one who was the Light of the World. And as they journeyed they sang, "O, come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord." In such a sight lay the possibility of unity.

ST. MARK'S, DARLING POINT.

St. Mark's, Darling Point, was very tastefully decorated yesterday for the Christmas festival, the font, pulpit, and holy table being the main features. There were celebrations of Holy Communion at 7, 8, and 12.20, that at 8 a.m. being fully choral, with organ and full choir taking part. The service was Mitchinson and Blair. At 11 a.m. full choral matins was rendered, with several carols, and the sermon was preached by Rev. Willoughby Flower, M.A. Th. Soc., rector. His text was "Unto us a Child is born" (Isa. ix., 7). Referring to significant passages in recent writings of Sir Oliver Lodge and in the memoirs of Professor Romanes, that "the most precious things are Faith and Love," the preacher pointed out how these sprang from and found anew their pivot and power in the Child King, who had become the one source of freedom, peace, joy, and even of political salvation. He had secured in Christendom protection for child life. Through the form of the "little ones" He had compelled men to His feet in reverent worship. Then, again, the Child King had been ruling down the Christian ages in the honouring of mothers and of womanhood. It was the Christ, too, perhaps unconsciously, that was in every man and woman and child to-day, drawing out gifts of charity and love. Whatever was good in humanity had its source in the Divine. Virtue and gentleness, affection and nobility, were in us so far as the Child King was there. The objective Faith and Love of God towards man were glorified on Christmas Day. Stainer's anthem, "The Hallowed Day," was sung among other music, and Mr. Cairos de Rego, in the absence of Mr. J. E. Sykes, presided at the organ.

CHRIST CHURCH, ST. LAURENCE.

The Feast of the Nativity was observed at Christ Church with joyous stateliness. The festival began on Christmas Eve with choral evensong, followed by carols. On Christmas morning there were three early celebrations of Holy Communion, at all of which the communicants were numerous. After mattins at 10.30 the Choral Eucharist was celebrated. The setting used was the adaptation to the English liturgy of Schubert's Mass in B. flat, sung in English for the first time in this State. An impressive rendering was given by the choir, the boys' voices being specially admirable. The preacher was the Rev. E. H. Webber. The rector, the Rev. F. J. Albery, preached at evensong. Carols were sung by the choir at the close of the service. The church was beautifully decorated with white flowers, and crowded congregations were the rule. There was a procession before the Choral Eucharist, and also after evensong. Mr. William Biggs presided at the organ.

ST. JOHN'S, DARLINGHURST.

The services at St. John's Church, Darlinghurst, were well attended. A shortened evening service was held on Christmas Eve, at the close of which carols were sung. Holy Communion was celebrated on Christmas Day at 6.45 and 8 a.m., also at midday. The anthem "Behold, I bring you good tidings" (Goss) was rendered at the morning service, and Jackson's "Te Deum" and "Jubilate." "Let us now go even unto Bethelem" (Winchester), "Magnificat," and "Nunc Dimittis" to Bennet in F were included in the singing at the evening service, at the conclusion of which carols were sung. The rector (Rev. E. C. Beck) preached in the morning and evening. A bright festival service was also held at the Mission Hall in Boundary-street in the evening by the Rev. L. J. M'Donald, special music and carols being rendered. The church was decorated.

ST. PHILIP'S, CHURCH HILL.

Holy Communion was celebrated at St. Philip's Church, Church Hill, at 7.30 and 11 a.m. There was a very large congregation at the 11 o'clock service. The usual Christmas hymns were sung, and Dyke's "Te Deum" and "Benedictus" were rendered by the choir, the organ music being supplied by Mr. Bavin, the church organist. The Ven. Archdeacon Langley preached, and took as his text verses 68, 74, and 75 of the 1st Chapter of St Luke. At the evening service the Rev. H. T. Langley preached.

ALL SAINTS', WOOLLAHRA.

Bright services were celebrated at All Saints' Church, Woollahra, which was decorated by the ladies of the congregation. Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m., the 11 a.m. service being choral. The music included "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," "Te Deum" to Smart's setting in F, anthem "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem" (Hopkins), and the communion ("Tours in C"). The Rev. H. Wallace Mort (rector) presided at the morning service. The Rev. J. Hall Best conducted the evening service. At the conclusion the choir sang carols. Mr. R. G. Moon was the organist.

ST. MICHAEL'S, SURRY HILLS.

At St. Michael's Church, Surry Hills, services were conducted in the morning and evening by the rector (Rev. Dr. Manning). The church was tastefully decorated. Sullivan's "Te Deum" and the anthem "Noel" (Gounod) were rendered at the morning service, and in the evening carols were sung. Mrs. Powell presided at the organ, and the singing was under the conductorship of Mr. G. Engisch.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.

The Yuletide celebrations at the old, historic church of Holy Trinity, Miller's Point, were commenced with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 8 a.m., followed by Matins at 11, the preacher being the acting rector, Rev. J. Smith. The choir sang several carols, and solos were rendered by Mr. Waring, Miss Halloran, and Miss Neville. Miss Rose Farnham presided at the organ, and Mr. Robert Dalley-Scarlett, hon. choirmaster, had charge of the musical arrangements.

ST. PAUL'S, REDFERN.

The Christmas services at St. Paul's Church, Redfern, were largely attended. The Rev. John Boardman preached in the morning. The church was decorated, and a special musical service was rendered by the choir. In the evening in the Parish Hall a lantern lecture was conducted by Mr. Boardman.

ST. BARNABAS' CHURCH.

Special services were held yesterday at St. Barnabas' Church. The Rev. F. M. Johnstone preached at 11 a.m., and the Rev. W. A. Charlton conducted the evening service. On both occasions the choir rendered Jackson's music, under the direction of Mr. Hector M'Lean, and in the evening the choir sang the anthem "Unto us a Child is Born." The church was decorated, and the attendance at each service was large.

ST. MATTHIAS', PADDINGTON.

St. Matthias' Church, Paddington, was decorated by the members of the Ladies' Guild. Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. At the latter service the rector (Rev. J. W. Gillett) preached. Music appropriate to the occasion was rendered.

ST. BARNABAS', WAVERLEY.

The services at this church were well attended, and there were a large number of communicants. The rector, the Rev. D. J. Knox, was the preacher. The special music rendered by the choir, under the conductorship of Mr. R. Dawes, included the anthem "Arise, Shine" (Elvey), Jackson's "Te Deum," the carols "Holy Night," "Glory to God," and "The First Noel," and appropriate hymns. Miss Taylor presided at the organ. The church was decorated.

ST. PATRICK'S (CHURCH HILL).

Solemn High Mass was celebrated at St. Patrick's Church by the Very Rev. A. Ginisty, the Revs. F. Laurent and P. Piquet acting as deacon and sub-deacon respectively. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Laurent, his text being "For unto us a child is born, and the government will be upon His shoulders." The choir of 60 voices gave their initial rendering of Gounod's Third Mass under the baton of Mr. G. E. Boyle in the morning, Miss Molly Fitzpatrick officiating at the organ. At the offertory the "Adeste Fideles" was sung, and the chorus "Lift up Your Heads" from Handel's "Messiah" was sung as the congregation left the church. The solos were sung by Mesdames Paul, Robson, Casier, and Maunsell, and Messrs. J. Crabtree, W. H. Bourke, M. Casier, Signor V. Vittorini, A. E. Burke, and P. L. Murphy. The church was handsomely decorated. There were large congregations. At the evening devotions the church was again crowded. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Father Piquet. The "Adeste Fideles" was sung by Miss Williams, the choir joining in the chorus. M. Casier sang "Noel" (A. Adams).

ST. BENEDICT'S.

At St. Benedict's Church, George-street West, High Mass was celebrated. Archbishop Kelly presided, and preached the sermon. The celebrant was the Rev. M. A. Fleming, Rev. J. Furlong was deacon, and Rev. Father Comaskey sub-deacon. The choir sang Haydn's No. 16 Mass, conducted by Mr. Thompson Brown, who also sang the tenor solos. Miss O'Keefe was the soprano, Miss M'Namara alto, and Mr. John M'Govern bass. Herr Hugo Alpen presided at the organ. The church was crowded.

ST. FRANCIS', PADDINGTON.

At all the Masses the church was crowded. The 11 o'clock Mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Larkin, assisted by the Rev. Fathers Joyce and Burch. The choir, under the direction of Mr. S. C. Jeffcott, rendered Mercadantes' Mass in B flat. The soloists were Mrs. Foster (soprano), Misses Kate Carty, and M. Brown (contralto), Mr. U. Hinchy (tenor), and Messrs. Harry Leston, J. Meagher, and S. C. Jeffcott (bass). At the offertory the "Adeste Fideles" was sung, the service concluding with the "Hallelujah Chorus" by Hamma. Mrs. R. Crome presided at the organ.

ST. FRANCIS', HAYMARKET.

Large congregations attended the early Masses at the above church yesterday. At the 11 o'clock service Missa Cantata was sung by the Rev. J. J. Byrne. The choir, under the direction of Mr. Paul Tracey, sang Haydn's No. 16 Mass, the solos being taken by Miss C. Bell, Miss T. Tighe, Messrs. Fred. Leston, W. Loughlin, and J. Doherty. During the offertory the "Adeste Fideles" was sung. Miss Annie Tracey officiated at the organ.

CAMPBELL-STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, BALMAIN EAST.

The Christmas season at the Campbell-street Presbyterian Church, Balmain East, was celebrated on Sunday by special choral services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., the preacher at both services being the minister, the Rev. J. F. Blair, M.A. The choir rendered special music and anthems, comprising the following—"Joy Fills Our Inmost Hearts To-day" (S. Smith), solo, Miss Jessie Moir; "Adeste Fideles" (arranged by Novello), solos, Misses Peers and Ferguson, Messrs. Stevens and Buddle; "Behold, I bring" (Goss), "Te Deum in F" (Jackson). The festivities were continued on Christmas night, when a concert was given, to which the special Sunday-school choir contributed carols, and [illegible] rendered by the following:—Misses Bessie M'Gregor, Renee M'Pherson, A. Fenwick, Messrs. W. Murdon, J. Stevens, S. Buddle, and Master Archie M'Gilroy.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES.

Most of the ministers of the Congregational Church conducted services in their churches yesterday, and the theme of the sermons was the Divine birth which marked the beginning of the Christian faith. The choirs also rendered Christmas music, and the congregational singing was largely in hymns which had reference to Christ's incarnation. Generally speaking the congregations were good.

There were large attendances at the services at the Ocean-street Congregational Church. The church was tastefully decorated. The Rev. F. B. Cowling, who conducted both services, chose for his morning subject "The King of Love," and for the evening "The Virgin Birth." Special anthems and carols were rendered by the choir under the conductorship of Mr. A. H. Westbrook. At the close of the evening service a biograph service was held depicting the various important events connected with the life of Christ.

The Point Piper-road Congregational Church, Woollahra, was well attended yesterday, when a bright Christmas service was held in the morning, the church being tastefully decorated. The Rev. Dr. Fordyce, in the course of his address, called attention to the great loss sustained by the death of the late Principal Rainy. Special music was rendered. The anthems were "O Dayspring" (Stainer) and "Adeste Fideles."

THE METHODIST CHURCHES.

Services were held yesterday in nearly all the Methodist churches in the city and suburbs, and the sermons preached had reference to the event which Christmas is designed to commemorate. The Central Methodist mission held its Christmas Day services in the Centenary Hall. In the morning there were addresses by the Revs. W. G. Taylor and H. C. Foreman, B.A., and the music was carol music, while in the evening there was a lantern service, collections being made for the poor.

The Christmas services held on Sunday at the William-street Methodist Church were well attended. The Rev. M. Reavley preached at both morning and evening services, and also at 11 o'clock worship on Christmas Day. The anthems "Behold, Thy Servant" (Bridge) and "There were Shepherds" (Vincent) were rendered by a large choir under the direction of Mr. T. W. Craven, jun., who also presided at the organ. Carols were also sung, and the solo "Nazareth" was rendered by Mr. S. Smith.

BALMAIN CHURCHES.

The morning service at St. Thomas', Balmain, was attended by a crowded congregation. The church had been prettily decorated by the ladies of the congregation. The principal music, which was rendered by a large choir, was Woodward's "Te Deum," Jackson's "Jubilate," and "Kyrie and Sanctus" and the anthem "Sing O Heaven." Rev. John Dixon, the rector, conducted the service and preached the sermon.

At St. Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, Balmain, five masses were celebrated, commencing at 6 o'clock, the Rev. M. J. Rohan, P.P., officiating at the early masses. At 11 o'clock the Rev. Father Egan sang the Missa Cantata, Turner's "Mass of St. Cecilia." Mrs. Morris presided at the organ, and there was a large choir, the soloists being Mrs. Grisdale, Miss Brady, Messrs. J. Anderson, T. Keogh, and J. M'Gucken. The services were all largely attended.

SYDNEY MISSION TO SEAMEN.

Services were held at the Seamen's Church (which was prettily decorated) at 8, 10.30, and 11.30 a.m., and at 7 p.m. As the result of the splendid gatherings during the festivities, the attendances at the services were large and representative. The Rev. Allan Pain preached in the morning, and the Rev. T. H. Distin Morgan at the evening service. The Christmas outing in the Sydney Ferries' Victoria was a record gathering. After making a tour of the harbour, the steamer made a stay at Drummoyne. The party returned to the institute to tea, provided by Mr. C. H. Moss, lay missionary. The tables were decorated and laid by a large party of laides under the guidance of Mrs. Glover. After tea and service a variety of games were played, interspersed with carols and chorus songs.

HANDEL'S "MESSIAH."

The celebration of Christmas Night, both musically and devotionally, is achieved in the performance of Handel's oratorio "The Messiah." The work is joyous, tender, and majestic, and these qualities are expressed in strains so inherently melodious that the simplest can understand them. Hence the annual revival of Handel's masterpiece by the Sydney Philharmonic Society has become a recognised institution, to which the public looks forward eagerly. Last night the Town Hall was besieged by eager crowds, and before 8 o'clock the great doors were closed to prevent confusion. This should have proved effective, but as a matter of fact, the ushers on duty in the galleries were lax in preserving order, with the result that scores of people who arrived with reserved seat tickets, found their places taken by others, who had no right to them, yet refused to move when requested. This is an evil against which the committee should carefully guard next year. Eventually, when Signor Hazon took his place at the conductor's desk, the overflowing audience that filled every available seat, and stood in all the doorways, represented a record attendance. Although reduced prices were being charged, the hon. secretary (Mr. R. B. Barton) reported a total amount of £330 in the house.

There is no work with which the Philharmonic Society is more familiar than "The Messiah," so that fortunately the choral and orchestral work calls for little comment other than by way of praise. Signor Hazon took the overture, in which M. Henri Staell ably led the orchestra, a shade more slowly than last year, as if to emphasise the dignity and sweetness of the grave movement, and this had the effect of increasing by contrast the animation of the spirited allegro. The opening chorus, "And the Glory," with a full-toned contralto lead, showed the singers in appropriately exultant mood, and the sudden silence at the end, followed by the incisive entry for the brief adagio, presented imposing effects. The favourite chorus with the public is undoubtedly "For Unto Us," which the sopranos led off pianissimo in such a "cooing" fashion that the tenors responded sotto voce, thus assisting in that splendid crescendo to which Handel returns again and again in order to pile up the colossal effects of which he is such a master. Owing to the absence of Mr. J. Edward Sykes, there was a new organist, Mr. Arthur Mason, who proved quite at home in the conductor's readings, enriching the ensemble judiciously right up to the vocal rallantando at choral close. The extreme difficulty of avoiding an anti-climax, except by finishing abruptly at that point, is obvious, but Handel's orchestral termination is of such undiminished beauty that it rounds the completeness of the whole. There was a tremendous outburst of enthusiasm, and Signor Hazon at last consented to repeat the chorus. One of the best interpreted numbers, owing to the infusion of light and shade, was "Surely," and "All We Like Sheep" was also amongst the successes of the evening. During the "Hallelujah Chorus," which terminates the Hazon version of the work, the audience rose, in accordance with a custom originated at the first performance in London in 1743, the year after the Dublin production. On that occasion George II. headed the general movement when the music reached the phrase "For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth," the theme of which, it may be added, is identical with that to "I will sing unto the Lord" in the "Israel in Egypt."

Amongst the soloists interest naturally centred in Miss Rosina Buckmann, as the New Zealand soprano was making her first appearance in oratorio with the Sydney Philharmonic Society, though she has had similar experience in various parts of England. Miss Buckmann, whose voice is of exceptionally brilliant quality in the upper register, is rather operatic in her style, and her most successful efforts were in the opening recitatives, very dramatically given, and in "*Rejoice Greatly*," rendered with florid agility. Though the singer was warmly applauded for "I Know that My Redeemer Liveth," a little more experience with the orchestra was needed to convey the idea of repose, though there was no lack of sympathy or sincerity of expression. Mr. F. C. Miller also made a first appearance, but the event proved of no particular importance. The tenor, who has an agreeable voice, sang correctly, but with an extreme care that approached lifelessness, nor did he display any greater freedom as the evening wore on. Miss Estelle Mabel Ward made her success in "He was Despised," in which she proved in excellent voice, singing both with feeling and judgment. Mr. W. Reginald Gooud, who now sings with more expression than when he first came before the public with this society, showed largeness of tone and great fluency in the important bass music, and these qualities provoked a storm of enthusiasm after "Why Do the Nations," at which point the singer firmly declined the encore.

AT THE CHILDREN'S COURT.

A pleasant surprise yesterday awaited the children who are detained at Ormond House, Paddington, pending the reopening of the Children's Court on Thursday. Leave having been granted by the department, the youthful delinquents were hospitably entertained by the superintendent (Mr. Dwyer), the matron (Miss Brodie), and staff at Ormond House. A substantial dinner, at which good things were provided in plenty, was laid in the court-room, the appearance of which was transformed for the nonce by profuse decorations of greenery, etc. Thirty-three children sat down, and their hosts did everything possible to make them contented and happy. Each child was also presented with a Christmas gift.

RANDWICK ASYLUM.

The children of the Randwick Asylum spent a happy Christmas Day. Under the direction of the house committee and through the kindness of a considerable number of friends of the institution everything that could be thought of was provided for the enjoyment of the little ones. The large dining-room at the main building was very nicely decorated with flags and evergreens, and the tables were abundantly supplied with roast beef, plum pudding, several kinds of fruit, ginger beer, lemon syrup, Christmas cards, all kinds of toys, hidden treasures, bonbons, etc. Nearly 200 had to be provided for, and at 1 o'clock all sat down to dinner. It was very satisfactory to know that there was not one child in the hospital sick, so that everyone was able to participate in the pleasures and enjoyments of the day. In connection with the Christmas festivities, arrangements were made to take the children to Coogee and other places, and for juvenile concerts to take place in the upper recreation-room of the main building, whilst cricket and other outdoor exercises could be freely indulged in by the boys during the holidays.

FOR THE POOR.

TOWN HALL DINNER.

In accordance with his custom, Mr. Harry Rickards, proprietor of the Tivoli Theatre, gave a dinner to a large number of needy guests at the Town Hall yesterday. In all about 640 people partook of the generously-proferred hospitality, including about 100 women and 150 children, and these were regaled with a very substantial meal, served up under the supervision of Mr. Hugh M'Intosh, caterer, who had in charge a large staff of assistants. The whole function passed off with admirable smoothness, in view of the large number of guests to be attended to, and the gratification of the latter was great and unconcealed. During the course of the meal Mr. Rickards, accompanied by Messrs. Leete and Maas, visited the dining-room, and was warmly received. The host made a brief speech, in which he stated that 1200 tickets had been issued, and although they had been distributed by the same people as last year, there had been only a little over 600 responses, as compared with about 1000 last Christmas. This must prove that the country was in a very much better condition, and he hoped by the time the next Christmas dinner came round not one of those present would feel the need to respond to his invitation, but that they would all be able to partake of a good Christmas feast in their own homes. Three hearty cheers were given for Mr. Rickards before he left the building.

As preparations had been made to entertain about 1000 people, there was a considerable surplusage of food after all the wants of those present were met, and on Mr. Rickards's instructions this is to be distributed among the poor people who were unable from various causes to be present at the dinner.

CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

SYDNEY NIGHT REFUGE AND REFORMATORY.

The committee of the Sydney Night Refuge and Reformatory, Francis-street, gave their usual Christmas morning breakfast to nearly 100 destitute men in the city. A thoroughly substantial meal of sandwiches, cake, biscuits, and fruit was provided through the liberality of the friends of the institution, and a small packet of tobacco was given to each man. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. M. Reavley and Messrs. Bowmaker, Palser, and Murchison. The men seemed very grateful for the treat thus afforded.

CITY NIGHT REFUGE.

Through contributions from a generous public, the committee of the City Night Refuge and Soup Kitchen, Kent-street, was enabled to provide an excellent dinner, consisting of roast beef, vegetables, plum pudding, fruit, cordials, and tea, to 290 men and 14 women. Large dining rooms were tastefully decorated with flags, shields, and evergreens, including a large handsome oil painting, "My Boy," lent for the occasion by the Rev. J. B. S. Hammond, who briefly addressed the men during the meal. On the previous Saturday many deserving families were supplied with meat, vegetables, cordials, fruit, and the necessary ingredients for the Christmas pudding. The efforts of the manager, Mr. Talkes, and Mrs. Talkes, in carrying out the details of management were appreciated by the large number of men and women, who heartily enjoyed the substantial Christmas fare.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY.

Extensive preparations for bringing happiness and comforts to many a poor sorrowing one were made by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Alderman S. F. Scott, the active president of the Glebe branch, who had that day completed his 21st Christmas ministration as president of this society, not only had the entire co-operation of its members, but also received assistance from the leading ladies of the parish. One of the principal efforts was that of substantially assisting the silent poor. In the Glebe there are many such cases, and it can be said with satisfaction that the St. James' branch and the ladies of the parish left no stone unturned to help in this direction.

The Mission Settlement Committee connected with the Whitefield Congregational Institute distributed orders for Christmas dinners to 65 poor families during the week, and to-morrow will entertain the children connected with the various classes at a Christmas tree.

THE DAY AFLOAT.

WARSPITE BOYS ENTERTAINED.

The sacred character of the day was closely observed by a very large proportion of the citizens, and the traffic on the harbour, therefore, was not large—smaller indeed than on the average Sunday. On practically the whole of the vessels in port the festive season was celebrated in true British fashion, and in nearly all cases the sailing fraternity was provided with Christmas fare by the owners.

Strong as is the sea's charm for "Jack" he dearly loves a Christmas ashore, and the young Warspite boys—embryo sailors on the training ship Port Jackson—rightly considered themselves lucky that this, the first Yuletide of their nautical career, could be spent in a port which found delight in according them seasonable hospitality. Yesterday the boys sat down to a splendid Christmas dinner, provided for them by their ship's owners, Messrs. Devitt and Moore. Turkeys and geese there were upon the board, with puddings and sweets, and most of the dainties so appreciated by youngsters at Christmas time. Mr. Playfair, of this city, sent the lads a fine supply of oranges, apples, and bananas. After dinner 64 of the boys, accompanied by three instructors and their chaplain, embarked upon the Bunya Bunya. A trip was made around the harbour till 4 o'clock, when landing at Drummoyne Park games and romping took place. A return was afterwards made to the Seamen's Institute, where tea was found ready. Then came several hours spent in boyish Christmas jollification. Tired with laughter, eating, and romping, the young sailors turned early into bunk with pleasant impressions that should be lastingly engraved upon their minds of the first Christmas in their lives as sailors.

IN THE COUNTRY.

BROKEN HILL, Tuesday.

Cool weather prevailed yesterday and to-day. A disturbance occurred in Argent-street last night. One man was arrested by Constable Blanch, but he was upset, and his charge escaped. Another disturbance occurred, and Sergeant Mackie was hit on the jaw with a stick or a stone, and rather badly hurt. The *police took some men* to the police station, and attempts were made to release the prisoners. Stones were thrown, and three of the windows were smashed. A crowd of persons entered the station, but the police succeeded in getting the prisoners into the cells. In all four arrests were made.

NEW ZEALAND.

WELLINGTON, Tuesday.

Splendid weather prevailed during the holidays.

ENGLISH AMATEUR TEAM IN NEW ZEALAND.

MATCH AGAINST WELLINGTON.

WELLINGTON, Tuesday.

The match England against Wellington was begun to-day, on a splendid wicket. There were about 5000 spectators. At 5 o'clock eight English wickets were down for 152. The scores were:—Johnston 15, Douglas 5, Harrison 19, Burns 51, Payne 2, Simpson-Howard 1, Branston 32, Torrens 8. De Trafford, Tufnell, and Curwen are standing out.

"Sydney Mail" Annual.—A sheet of 16 Postcards, illustrating Australian country life. A portion of the address side of these cards is set aside for messages, and the cards are transmissible at usual postal rates. Postage within the Commonwealth and New Zealand, 1d; abroad, 1½d.—Advt.

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SIMPLIFIED SPELLING.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S SUPPORT.

AND ITS WITHDRAWAL.

There have been two amazing things in connection with President Roosevelt's headlong charge into the academic contest about spelling—first that he should have made it at all, and then that, having made it, he should have retreated so quickly from the scene. It was surely no part of the manifold duties of a President of the United States that he should lend the support of the Government to the pious opinion of certain scholars, however eminent, as to how this or that English word should be spelled. It is a mild statement of the case to say that this opinion is held by a very small minority of scholars—a class which for the most part is eminently conservative in the matter of orthography. And, even if a majority of all the scholars in all the English-speaking races were unanimous as to the advisability of simplified spelling, the matter would not be ended there. It is popular usage, not the opinions of scholars, which defines spelling. And these opinions vary from age to age. For instance, Dr. Johnson, a scholar of high repute in his day, imposed rules of spelling which no persons more vehemently condemn now than the members of the Simplified Spelling Board; and of Webster, who was at one time regarded as the very master in America of orthography, we are told by Professor T. R. Lounsbury, one of the new lights, that he was "so much under the sway of the devil of derivation that spelling by analogy occupied a very subordinate position in his mind." A minority of scholars, even when supported by officialdom, cannot "reform" spelling. The Simplified Spelling Board may order changes. For a sample. The board would have us describe a scene in a theatre this way:—

The rumor ran thruout the theater that the Blest Damsel had blusht because she had been kist good-by. The program was at once stopt, and the crusht and woful pedagog who had transgrest was promptly past out. Thruout there was much rancor displayed, and the moldy specter who had distrest the assembly was thoroly whipt and then dipt in the harbor. The Blest Damsel, claspt in the arms of her meager mama, heapt thanks on her champions for their defense of their favorite. "We'll take a sithe to him next time, miss," hiccupt one of her saviors. His neighbors clapt their hands at this proposed maneuver, tho, indeed, it was plain from the odor that it was the mixt whisky the good man had sipt that had lasht him into lacrimal fervor.

The board, we say, might tell the public to spell like this, and the President might compel the Public Printer to so record the papel the Public Printer to so record the pathetic incident in official publications—but what has the public to say? The story contains only a few of the 300 words which the President imposed as a first instalment, to be followed in due course, as these became part of the language, with other hundreds of thousands.

Perhaps it was the shock of seeing some of these ghastly words in print that induced the President to take the other amazing step of which we have spoken—the withdrawal of his directions to the Public Printer. Mr. Roosevelt is so constituted that opposition is the very food of his activities. He may not be firmly persuaded that a thing he suggests is right, and in the absence of opposition he may even be inclined to suspect that it is wrong. But offer him opposition, and he is in his element. Now, no enterprise of his has been so criticised and ridiculed as this wholly unnecessary excursion in favour of the Simplified Spelling Board. The newspapers of the United States made fun of it from the first, after their manner; one rebuking his "faddism," another maintaining that if he had considered the expense which his ukase involved he would have "thought twice instead of not at all," whilst a third detected a possible silver lining to the cloud in the probability that "the simpler spelling will operate a little to reduce the length of Mr. Roosevelt's annual messages." The newspapers of other branches of the English-speaking race the world over gave the proposal due consideration, but little approval. Now, it might have been foretold from all this that the President would have obstinately stuck to his guns. The prophets would have been wrong, as we see by yesterday's cables. All the more credit to Mr. Roosevelt. It is another of the touches of greatness in the man that he has not persisted in a course which he presumably has discovered to be wrong.

We received by last American mail from the Simplified Spelling Board the first and second editions of their "Simplified Spelling for the use of Government Departments." The first edition contains only the 300 words which Mr. Roosevelt directed the Public Printer to adopt, whilst the second contains these, prefaced by the President's letter, and accompanied by reprints of some circulars issued by the board and by articles by Professor Calvin Thomas and Professor Brander Matthews, both of Columbia University. Of these the President's letter has undoubtedly most interest for us. Mr. Roosevelt deprecates the imputation that in ordering the 300 words to be spelled (why not "spelt"?) as recommended by the board, he intends "to do anything revolutionary or initiate any far-reaching policy." He goes on:—

The purpose simply is for the Government, instead of lagging behind popular sentiment, to advance abreast of it, and at the same time abreast of the views of the ablest and most practical educators of our time, as well as of the most profound scholars—men of the stamp of Professor Lounsbury and Professor Skeat.

There is rather a begging of the question here. Mr. Roosevelt assumes that there is a "popular sentiment" in favour of Simplified (why not Simplifide?) Spelling; and that there is a necessity incumbent upon the Government to execute the peculiar manoeuvre of "advancing abreast of it." If there were such a sentiment, it might be trusted to work its own way out of the trouble without official help; and if there be not, official help will not create it. Perhaps this consideration is what has caused Mr. Roosevelt to retire from his position; and indeed, with a prudence which is not habitual with him, he provided himself with an honourable retreat. For he continues:—

If the slight changes in the spelling of the three hundred words proposed wholly or partially meet popular approval, then the changes will become permanent, without any reference to what public officials or individual private citizens may feel; if they do not ultimately meet with popular approval they will be dropped (Mr. Roosevelt wrote "dropt"), and that is all there is about it.

When he adds that his is an attempt to cast what slight weight can properly be cast on the side of the "popular forces" which are trying to "simplify" English spelling, we are naturally moved to inquire into the nature of these "popular forces." So far as the board's circulars convey any information on this subject, the forces consist of the members of the board. These are 28 in number, and are all Americans, unless, indeed, Mr. Carnegie is now a British subject. Of the 28 there are nine persons connected with universities, six being professors; there are three editors of dictionaries, two editors of periodicals, and two publishers. There are also a Judge of the Supreme Court, a Circuit Judge, an ex-director of a State library, an ex-Secretary of the Treasury, a Commissioner of Education, the president of a State normal school, the president of the Carnegie Institution, and the president of the Union Dime Savings Institution. These are doubtless estimable gentlemen, but how can they be said to constitute "popular forces?" We can understand the president of the Carnegie Institution being on the board, seeing that Mr. Carnegie finances the movement, and the economy in letters would naturally appeal to the sympathy of the Union Dime Savings Institution official. The members of the board who are not professors or editors or presidents of something or another, are Mr. Andrew Carnegie, Mr. Samuel L. Clemens, Mr. Thomas H. Higginson (Cambridge, Mass.), and Mr. E. O. Vaile (Chicago, Ill.). Now is Mr. Carnegie a popular force? Everybody knows his name and his penchant for building libraries everywhere; but that hardly constitutes him a popular force. Indeed, somebody has said that Mr. Carnegie has spent a lot of money building libraries, and that now he is doing his best to render the contents of these libraries obsolete. And Mark Twain! What is Mark Twain doing in this galley? He, of course, is popular, but he is no more a force making for reform in spelling than Josh Billings was. As to the other two units of popular force—Mr. T. H. Higginson (Cambridge, Mass.) and Mr. E. O. Vaile (Chicago, Ill.)—we regret that we know little more than is here officially set down. But even supposing every one of the 28 was eminent in his calling, and was widely known as being active in securing spelling "reform," how can anyone pretend to claim that they are "popular forces?" To get over the criticism that these people who are bent on reforming English spelling are all Americans, Dr. Murray and Dr. Bradley of the Oxford English Dictionary, Professor Joseph Wright, of the English Dialect Dictionary, and Professor Skeat, of the Etymological Dictionary of the English Language, were co-opted to the board. Nobody would dare to deny that these men are eminent scholars—but that does not make them "popular forces."

The President's direction to the Public Printer did not institute such a revolution in official spelling in Washington as would have been created by a similar order to the King's Printers in London or to the Government Printer here. Of the 300 words recommended for immediate adoption, it appears that 153 were at the time of the edict (August 27, 1906) in preferred use in the Government Printing Office, whilst of the remainder 49 were used wherever the author requested copy to be followed. That left the printer with only 98 new symbols which he had to substitute for the familiar words. (The board, by the way, has little sympathy with compositors, and talks largely of "uneducated printers" and "typographic incompetency" and of "orthographic recklessness.") But if the reform were instituted in Sydney, say, we should have to learn all but some 20 of the words—amongst the 20 being such words as "synonym," "ether," "dactyl," compound words that have the "e" elided between "g" and "ment," and verbs ending in "ize" instead of "ise." But that would be only a beginning. As soon as these 300 words had been assimilated, we should have to be ready for new and repeated doses, until we were face to face with strictly phonetic spelling.

FINE WEATHER EXPECTED.

WITH COOL WINDS.

The Commonwealth Meteorologist anticipates a continuance of fine and cool weather conditions for to-day's holiday, with southerly to easterly winds. There will, he says, probably be some cloud on the seaboard, and a shower or two may be expected to result in the north. The southerly change which reached Sydney at 5.50 p.m. on Monday caused the temperature to suddenly drop 9deg. The range in temperature was 22deg.—between the maximum and minimum readings. The southerly set in at Moruya at 11.30 a.m., and reached Sydney at 5.50 p.m., thus travelling 140 miles at the rate of 22 miles per hour. The greatest velocity registered at Sydney on Monday was 51.4 miles per hour at 9.51 p.m., while yesterday the greatest rate was 36.2 miles at 9.7 a.m. from the south. Appended is a list of the rainfalls during Monday evening and yesterday:—

	Points.		Points.
Crookhaven Heads	43	Moruya	15
Dubbo	53	Newcastle	70
Cape Hawke	41	Nambucca	70
Green Cape	74	Sydney	64
Goulburn	74	Seal Rocks	75
Inverell	65	Woolgoolga	58
Jervis Bay	50	Walgett	20
Kempsey	81	Yass	68
Kiandra	9		

SHELLHARBOUR.—A thunderstorm occurred on Monday. Rain fell for two hours, an inch being registered.

SINGLETON.—A storm occurred on Monday afternoon, and heavy rain fell, 90 points being recorded up to 7 o'clock.

Tingha.—Last week two inches of rain fell. Many of the dams were filled, enabling miners to wash up for the holidays.

TASMANIA.

HOBART, Monday.

Cool weather with light showers prevails.

FIRE IN MELBOURNE.

SOFTGOODS STOCK DESTROYED.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

A dangerous fire broke out in Flinders-lane at 11 o'clock on Christmas Eve. A passerby detected flames issuing from the basement of the Norwich Union-chambers, one of the largest buildings in the city, consisting of eight stories and a basement. The man at once broke a street fire alarm, and a strong force of firemen was soon on the scene. The officers found that the flames had established a strong hold on a large stock of woollens and calicoes owned by James Cruickshank, manufacturers' agent. A strong supply of water was tapped. For a few minutes it seemed certain that the blaze would eat its way through to the next floor, but constant application of torrents of water gradually defeated the flames. The chief losses were sustained by Mr. Cruickshank, who is insured with the Norwich Union. The building, which is the property of Gibbs, Bright, and Co., is insured in the Law Union and Crown office for about £30,000.

A BLIND MAN'S HOARDINGS.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

On Sunday night Constable Birch arrested a blind man on a charge of drunkenness. When searched at the watchhouse a bank deposit receipt for £500, a savings bank pass book, showing £220 to credit, and £29 in gold, notes, and silver, were found on him. The man was brought before the Carlton Court and discharged.

CASUALTIES AND FATALITIES.

DROWNED IN DARLING HARBOUR.

About 7.30 yesterday morning Constables M'Grath and Martin were informed that a man's body was floating in the water near the Pyrmont Bridge. They recovered the body and conveyed it to the Morgue, where it was identified as that of Thomas Morgan, 35, a labourer, who had been missing since the night of the 22nd instant, when he was seen coming out of an hotel in Pyrmont shortly before 11 o'clock.

THE SANDRINGHAM DROWNING FATALITY.

The body which was recovered from George's River at Sandringham on Monday afternoon was identified yesterday as that of Thomas Bennett, 69, residing with his daughter in Forest-road, Hurstville. It was stated that on different occasions he had said that he would one day take his life.

CONCUSSION OF THE BRAIN.

Thomas Maloney, 29, labourer, residing in Jones-street, Pyrmont, was admitted to the Sydney Hospital last night suffering from a fractured skull. He stated that he was scuffling on the corner of Quarry and Harris streets, Ultimo, when a youth accidentally struck him on the head with a stone. The Civil Ambulance conveyed the injured man to the hospital.

WOMAN SEVERELY BURNT.

Ellen Swain, 46, a married woman, residing in Kensington-street, city, was admitted to the Sydney Hospital early yesterday morning, suffering from severe burns about the arms, legs, and body, and from shock. She stated that she had upset a kerosene lamp over herself. Last night she was in a critical condition.

MINE MANAGER FALLS 60FT.

BRISBANE, Tuesday.

Mr. Henry Rowse, manager of Bennion's Block, Croydon, fell down the shaft yesterday. He was engaged fitting in a fresh column in the pump when the ladder gave way, and he fell a distance of 60ft. The ladder got stuck in the shaft. Mr. Rowse's body hit the top of the ladder, which penetrated it, and held it fast till a rescue party of miners descended and brought the injured man to the surface. Mr. Rowse died shortly after he was admitted to the hospital.

FATALITY AT CADETS' CAMP.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

The annual camp of cadets at Swan Island was marked by a fatality. While the boys (numbering about 300) were at swimming parade a lad aged 15, Emil Cedzich, a member of the Hamilton detachment, was seen to be in difficulties. Assistance was rendered by a lad named Stafford, who was nearest him, and Cedzich was taken on shore in an unconscious condition. Dr. Strahan, camp medical officer, was summoned, and with other officers worked for upwards of two hours to restore consciousness, but unsuccessfully. The body was conveyed to Queenscliff, where a magisterial inquiry will be held. The cause of death is believed to have been heart failure.

A BOY CHOKED.

NEWCASTLE, Tuesday.

While having his tea this evening, a seven-year-old son of Mr. Jones, of Broadmeadow, was choked by a piece of meat, and died before medical assistance could be procured.

LITTLE'S SOLUBLE PHENYLE Disinfectant, the Original and Genuine, prepared by qualified chemists, is the best and strongest. Insist on having LITTLE'S.—Advt.

SPORTING.

THE TURF.

Boxing Day is one of the most popular racing fixtures throughout the Commonwealth, and in most centres of population meetings will be held to-day. The A.J.C. caters for sporting folk at Randwick, at Caulfield the Victoria Amateur Turf Club provides an attractive bill of fare for its patrons in the southern State, Adelaide sportsmen will have an outing at Cheltenham Park under the auspices of the Port Adelaide Racing Club, the Cup meeting of the Western Australian Turf Club opens at Perth, and the second summer meeting of the Queensland Turf Club commences on the Eagle Farm course, Brisbane. The Wallsend Jockey Club Christmas meeting is one of the principal country fixtures in this State, and takes place to-day and to-morrow, and numerous other clubs throughout the State provide racing for their patrons to-day.

The secretary of the Kensington Racing Club intimates through our business columns the applications for jockeys' licenses for the half-year ending June 30 will be received up to 10 a.m. on Monday, the 7th prox.

The northern-trained horses, Pastime, Reaction, and Atlantean, in charge of their owner, Mr. Stewart, have arrived at Randwick from Maitland.

The veteran Joe Cook, who for so many years figured as a prominent trainer at Randwick, is about to make a fresh start at headquarters, and will commence with that fine-looking son of Delaware, Royal Arthur, who has done some stud work in the Macquarie district. A filly by Voyou from Royal Arthur's dam and a filly by Simmer from Gozereina have also been entrusted to Cook's tuition.

Mr. A. W. Thompson arrived in Sydney late last week with a dozen yearlings bred by Messrs. J. and W. Thompson at Widden. All these youngsters are by Maltster, and are to be prepared for the coming yearling sales by Mr. Wm. Thompson at a place he has purchased near Parramatta. Shortly this lot will be supplemented by eight others from Widden.

Though the Randwick tracks were open on Christmas morning no gallops worthy of the name took place, but the Queensland horse, Hospodar, was the recipient of some severe treatment from the heels of Isisford, who is a masterful lady, with a strong will of her own. The trouble occurred at the tan crossing leading to the training track. Hospodar was following Isisford out, when suddenly the latter slewed round, and gave him a broadside with her heels. In his efforts to escape from such a sudden and vicious attack, Hospodar blundered over the small guarding hurdles on the side of the track. The parts visited by Isisford's heels began to swell rapidly, but Hospodar was sent out for a mile gallop, in which he shaped very badly, and returned to his box like a horse suffering from pain.

In this issue the secretary of the Kensington Racing Club announces the programme for the first pony and galloway race meeting to be held under the new regime on Wednesday, January 2, and at which all heights, from 13.3 to 15.0, will be catered for. The prize money for the half-dozen items on the card aggregates £240, of which full particulars are set forth, and those interested should not forget that entries close with the secretary, Mr. A. Henningham, at the office of the club, 119 Castlereagh-street, city, at 5 p.m. on Friday next, 28th instant.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN SPORTING NOTES.

SOME SMART GALLOPS.

PERTH (W.A.), Tuesday.

Enchanteur eclipsed all previous records for this State on Monday morning, when, on the course proper, galloping two hurdles out and carrying W. H. Ross (about 8st 7lb) he got to the end of five furlongs in 1m 2s. The furlongs were cut as follows:—One in 12s, two in 24½s, three in 35¼s, and four in 48s. The first three furlongs were done with a strong wind in his favour, but the concluding quarter of a mile was against the wind. He had leather shoes in front, and iron behind. Benbow and Charles Stuart were not at their best when covering 10 furlongs in 2m 18s. The Derby colt was going very strongly at the finish. He had a light boy up, but Charles Stuart (Lewis) held him safely all the way. Going easily for the whole distance, Baerami covered 10 furlongs in company with Lord Middleton, in 2m 24s. Prophecy galloped over a mile and a half in 2m 55s and though she was not out against the watch, she reeled off the last six furlongs comfortably in 1m 21s. A mile in 1m 48¼s was placed to the credit of Durbar, who was going easily all the way. Two Derby candidates, Spider and Wallace Park, were sent over a mile and three-quarters in company with the Cup candidate, Lord Strathmore. The latter finished in front of Spider in 3m 18s, with Wallace Park beaten off. Beyond sprints there was nothing else of note.

Benbow is again favourite for the W.A.T.C. Derby, Prophecy being next in demand, with Baerami at the head of the others. Scorcher, Charles Stuart, and Hildebrand are disputing favouritism for the Perth Cup, with May King and Durbar next in demand.

Probable starters and riders in Derby are:—Woodpecker (Matthews), Wallace Park (Sutherland), Spider (Bullock), Mutineer (Trewartha), Baerami (Burn), Benbow (Lewis), Prophecy (Flynn), Newcastle (Marland).

It is likely that Indelible will be withdrawn from the Karakatta Plate. The probable starters are:—Mural (Jameson), Myall Prince (Lewis), Munchausen (Burn), Romulus (Middleton), Denison (R. Sutherland), A.Z. (Campbell), Mardoo (E. Sutherland), Hector of Troy (Trenoweth), Kanget (Woodward), Simplin (Bullock).

Later.

At the calling of the card on Monday night Woodpecker was backed for the Perth Cup. Benbow and Prophecy were equal favourites for the Derby. Hildebrand was favourite for the Cup, but later in the evening Charles Stuart advanced to the position of favourite, Hildebrand easing until he disputed second favouritism with Scorcher.

AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB.

SUMMER MEETING.

For more than a quarter of a century the Australian Jockey Club has catered for the sporting section of the community at Randwick on Boxing Day, and it is safe to say that on no occasion during that period has a more attractive bill of fare been served up than that provided for this afternoon's amusement. The recent copious rainfall has freshened up and improved all parts of the racecourse reserve, and the going should be excellent, while the number and quality of the horses engaged in the half-dozen events on the card should bring about high-class sport. As usual, the executive has made ample provision in all departments for the requirements of the great holiday crowd that may be expected at headquarters, and with every prospect of fine cool weather at the time of writing the outing should be most enjoyable. The customary means of transit to and from the trysting place will be in vogue, special tram services having been arranged at short intervals from Circular Quay, via Oxford-street, and from the Central Railway Station, via Cleveland-street; while those who prefer to travel by road will be accommodated with 'bus and cab traffic.

The afternoon's sport commences punctually at 12.30 p.m. with the Christmas Handicap, which promises to attract a large field, and the race wears a very open appearance. The Loch, Ennismar, Comely, The Intended, Roosevelt, The Desolator, and Crowfoot seem to have a slight pull in the weights, and the pick of the bunch may be Roosevelt, The Desolator, and Comely, who may fill the situations in the order written. Another large field may be anticipated for the Flying Handicap, in which a number of speedy sprinters are engaged. Pompous, Port Arthur, Isisford, Jim Dorset, Violet Cup, Mundoie, and Croat read as well as anything at their respective weights, and Pompous or Croat may claim the judge's verdict, while the winner may be escorted home by Mundoie and Jim Dorset. A most interesting contest seems assured for the December Stakes, in which a baker's dozen of fashionably-bred youngsters are engaged, and several of them have already demonstrated their ability to gallop. The most likely to fight out the battle for the classic race are Skopo, Barbican, Maltsterdelle, The Owl, and Vaporize, and the numbers may be hoisted for The Owl, Skopo, and Barbican. The field of 21 for the Summer Cup promises to be fully equal to any of its predecessors in numbers and quality, and a great race may be anticipated. Noreen, who heads the list with the steadying impost of 9st 5lb, is in good fettle just now, and even with her complimentary burden may be about at the finish. Tatterdemalion should also run well, and Banzai has not been overrated when asked to carry 8st 3lb, while on the same mark Rosemead has none the worst of the fixture. Deutscher, with the handy impost of 7st 13lb, is entitled to great respect, and must have a big say in the settlement of affairs; while, under a similar burden, Ossian appears to have been left with a fair chance. Clarinza should give a good account of himself under 7st 7lb; while, despite her 7lb penalty, Luciana must be one of the hardest to beat, for she will be suited by the length of the trip, and the best of the others may be Grafton Lass. A great battle may be anticipated among Noreen, Rosemead, Banzai, Deutscher, Clarinza, and Luciana, and the places may go to Luciana, Deutscher, and Clarinza. The long list of candidates for the Nursery Handicap foreshadows a large field, but the most reliable appear to be Conductor, Skoperra, Welcome Trist, Hildebrook, and Woodside, and the honours may be divided among Skoperra, Conductor, and Welcome Trist. The afternoon's sport will be brought to a close with the A.J.C. Handicap, in which the prospects of Refrain, Zenda, Banzai, Delcore, and Yo San seem to be the most attractive; and if Banzai be reserved for it he should win, otherwise Delcore, Yo San, and Zenda may pass the post in the order named. The programme is subjoined:—

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP.—1m.

	st	lb		st	lb
Corfu	9	5	Grafnax	7	7
The Loch	9	0	The Intended	7	6
Felicia	8	12	Ranmore	7	4
Isisford	8	12	Roosevelt	7	4
Thargomindah	8	6	Downfall	7	2
Mynheer	8	3	Rose Ray	7	2
Silver Loch	8	2	Thrill	7	2
Ennismar	8	2	Novellion	7	2
Veronique	8	2	High Lady	7	0
Neirbo	8	0	Param	7	0
Blent	8	0	The Desolator	7	0
Comely	8	0	Amphora	6	12
Athol Nelson	8	0	Crowfoot	6	12
Florance	7	12	Trick	6	10
Lady Florence	7	11	Sea Gold	6	7
Lady Eams	7	10	Rufer	6	7
Samaria	7	8			

FLYING HANDICAP.—6f.

	st	lb		st	lb
Little Toy	9	5	Lady Evelyn	7	10
Decollete	9	2	Mynheer	7	9
Banzai	8	12	Victoria Cross	7	9
Talofa	8	12	Jute	7	9
Pompous	8	12	Croat	7	5
Port Arthur	8	11	Apsley	7	5
Cardoon	8	9	Clover	7	5
The Loch	8	6	Finality	7	4
Jim Dorset	8	4	Combine	7	4
Felicia	8	4	Lord Cecil	7	2
Arlington	8	4	Shimose	6	12
Isisford	8	4	Attain	6	12
Harvest Lad	8	2	Roosevelt	6	12
Hollette	8	0	Novelline	6	10
Dantzic	7	12	Barrenjoey	6	7
Violet Cup	7	11	Buddah	6	7
Mundoie	7	10	Change	6	7
Silver Lock	7	10			

DECEMBER STAKES.—5f. (Acceptances.)

Mr. Hunter White's br f Skopo, by Skopos (imp.)—Fulminate.
Mr. Hunter White's ch f Quadratic, by Medallion—Equation.
Mr. W. E. White's b c Welcome Trist, by Sir Tristram (imp.)—Welcome Queenie.
Mr. Wm. Brown's b or br f Sun Gem, by Simile (imp.)—Pukaki.
Mr. E. Fraser's ch f First Aid, by Skopos (imp.)—Ambulance.
Hon. A. Wynne's br c Peru, by Grafton (imp.)—Silvercoin.
Hon. A. Wynne's b c Haakon, by Brakpan—Queen of Denmark.
Mr. H. Seabrook's br c Duma, by Havoc—Cradle.
Mr. J. Burton's b c Barbican, by Skopos (imp.)—Alga.
Mr. W. T. Nowlan's br f Maltsterdelle, by Maltster—Hirondelle.
Mr. G. Martin's ch c The Owl, by Orsil (imp.)—Kirry.
Mr. J. E. O'Brien's b c Cobber, by Grafton (imp.)—Amitie.
Mr. V. White's br f Vaporise, by Simmer (imp.)—Carbelle.

SUMMER CUP.—1m 5f.

	st	lb		st	lb
Noreen	9	5	E.L.C.	7	7
Tatterdemalion	8	10	Clarinza	7	7
Aragain	8	4	Delcore	7	7
Banzai	8	3	Luciana	7	7
Rosemead	8	3	Chaperon	7	2
Vanadium	8	1	Grafton Lass	7	0
Sweetness	8	1	Mynheer	7	0
Deutscher	7	13	Binnaburra	6	10
Ossian	7	13	Bluster	6	10
Absentee	7	11	Superbus	6	7
Gowrie	7	8			

NURSERY HANDICAP.—5f.

	st	lb		st	lb
Maltsterdelle	9	5	Duke of Clarence	7	3
Vaporise	9	2	Peru	7	2
Reflect	8	12	Rebuff	7	0
Haakon	8	7	Boureen	7	0
Quadratic	8	0	Confetti	7	0
Conductor	7	11	Hildebrook	7	0
Barbican	7	[illegible]	Consulate	7	0
Florrie Tristram	7	5	Woodside	7	0
Sun Gem	7	5	Adios	7	0
Epios	7	5	Cisse	7	0
Sattamba	7	5	Cavean	7	0
Frisk	7	5	Abandoned	6	12
Skoperra	7	5	Propolite	6	12
Balogeroo	7	5	Little Stranger	6	12
Blue Gum	7	5	Deliverance	6	12
Welcome Trist	7	3	First Aid	6	7
Blue Book	7	3			

A.J.C. HANDICAP.—1¼m.

	st	lb		st	lb
Refrain	9	12	E.L.C.	8	8
Zenda	9	12	Delcore	8	8
Deutscher	9	10	Thargomindah	8	4
Rosemead	9	7	Yo San	8	3
Vanadium	9	7	Veronique	8	1
Hospodar	9	6	Red Flag	8	1
Luciana	9	6	Grafton Lad	8	1
Banzai	9	4	Apsley	8	0
Coraki	9	3	Neirbo	8	0
First Consul	9	0	Lady Dunmore	7	12
Absentee	8	12	Levee	7	11
Port Arthur	8	12	Binnaburra	7	7

BRISBANE JOCKEY CLUB.

BRISBANE, Tuesday.

The Brisbane Jockey Club held its postponed meeting at Albion Park yesterday in showery weather, and there was a fair attendance. The sum of £954 passed through the totalisator. The contest for the principal event resulted as under:—Park Stakes, 1m.—Bernie's Son, by Little Bernie, 8st 7lb (Hayes), 1; Lord Bernie, 8st 10lb (Stone), 2; Motor, 7st 10lb (M'Namara), 3. Other starters: Cissy, Venetian, Waverley, Duchess, Lady Phyllis. Betting: 4 to 1 v Lord Bernie, 6 to 1 each v Duchess, Lady Phyllis, and Motor, 7 to 1 each v Bernie's Son and Cissy, 8 to 1 each v Waverley and Venetian. Won by two lengths, a similar distance between second and third. Time, 1m 46½s. Dividend, £2 0s 6d.

MOSS VALE JOCKEY CLUB.

Weights for the Boxing Day meeting:—

Trial Stakes.—Machardy, 8st 13lb; Blondin, 8st 13lb; Loch Lomond, 8st 13lb; Fairy Lass, 8st 11lb; Sunlight, 8st 11lb; Empress, 8st 11lb; Seclusive, 8st 9lb; War Lass, 8st 9lb; Cinberry, 8st 2lb.

Flying Handicap.—The Member, 9st 10lb; Steam, 9st 1lb; Jeannie Cameron, 8st 3lb; Lady Grace, 8st; Almeria, 7st 13lb; Handicapper, 7st 12lb; Sunlight, 7st 12lb; Modesty, 7st 9lb; Reform, 7st 4lb; Rosey Kate, 7st; Skew-Whiff, 6st 7lb.

Welter Handicap.—Berwick, 10st 10lb; Fairy Lass, 10st 3lb; War Lass, 9st 12lb; Cherryford (late Snapshot), 9st 10lb; Handicapper, 9st 9lb; Loch Lomond, 9st 7lb; Reform, 9st 3lb; Cinberry, 9st 3lb; Modesty, 9st 3lb; Rosey Kate, 8st 13lb; Slow-Whiff, 8st 10lb; Slim Jim (late Slow Joe), 8st 7lb; Frisco, 8st 7lb.

Farewell Handicap.—Seanster, Czar, Lady Grace, Almeria, Peer, Steam, Jeannie Cameron, War Lass, Seclusive, Empress.

CYCLING AND MOTORING.

HILLGROVE MEETING.

The following handicaps have been declared for the Hillgrove cycling meeting, which will be held under League of Wheelmen rules on January 1, 1907:—

Opening Handicap, 1 mile.—W. Davison, scratch; H. Purkiss, 15yds; H. E. Biddle, 25; C. Elliott, G. A. Parker, 30; W. H. Nelson, 35; H. H. Haydon, 45; W. East, 50; L. Kratz, 60; H. Brown, 70; J. Wells, A. J. Smyth, 80; J. H. Johnson, 85; H. W. Flett, S. Purkiss, 100; M. Scanlon, 110; A. D. Cameron, A. E. Cross, J. E. Hollis, W. G. Jones, 120; J. Hoddis, 130; G. Bracken, 150; D. Haydon, 155; D. G. Goodwin, 170; B. Caslick, R. W. Skinner, C. T. Griffin, J. V. Graham, 180; G. H. Foster, W. A. Johnston, L. Bencke, W. Kidd, 200.

Wheel Race, 1½ miles, £20.—W. Davison, scratch; H. Purkiss, 25yds; H. E. Biddle, 40; C. Elliott, G. A. Parker, 45; W. H. Nelson, 65; H. H. Haydon, 70; W. East, 80; L. Kratz, 95; H. Brown, 110; J. Wells, A. J. Smyth, 125; H. H. Johnson, 135; H. W. Flett, S. Purkiss, 155; M. Scanlon, 170; A. E. Cross, J. E. Hollis, W. G. Jones, 185; G. Brackin, 230; D. Haydon, 240; B. Caslick, C. T. Griffin, J. V. Graham, 275; G. H. Foster, W. A. Johnston, L. Bencke, 300.

Novice Handicap, 1 mile.—A. E. Cross, J. E. Hollis, scratch; G. Bracken, 30yds; D. Haydon, G. Hawkins, 40; D. G. Goodwin, 60; A. Foster, B. Caslick, 70; G. H. Foster, W. H. Fisher, L. Bencke, 80; F. Thomas, 90; R. A. Cameron, J. Martin, C. Burns, W. Perryman, W. Kidd, W. A. Johnston, 100.

PEAK HILL CYCLING MEETING.

Mr. Carroll, the official handicapper of the League, has declared the following starts for the Peak Hill Bicycle Club's cycling sports, which will be held on January 1, 1907:—

Hospital Wheel Race, 1½ miles.—R. J. M'Namara, scratch; J. H. Moore, 60 yards; W. T. Campbell, 65; C. Wright, 105; P. Evans, 145; J. Moore, 155; W. Wright, 190; J. W. Campbell, 220; J. Bartlett, 230.

Publicans' Purse, 1½ miles.—R. J. M'Namara, scratch; J. H. Moore, 60yds; W. T. Campbell, 65; B. Washing, 90; T. Evans, 140; J. Moore, W. Wright, 190; J. W. Campbell, 220.

JERILDERIE MEETING.

The following are the handicaps for the above meeting, which will be held on New Year's Day under the rules of the League of Wheelmen:—

Jerilderie Wheel Race, £8, 1 mile.—W. E. Mathews, scratch; H. Lucas, 15yds; W. H. Hawley, 40; D. Dryden, 40; R. Chapman, 65; G. Lawrence, M. Riley, 90; H. J. Devine, 100; A. Barrett, 115; F. A. Lenon, 125; W. A. Finch, 135; H. Elrington, 145; G. J. Lenon, 160; J. R. Sim, 185.

Hospital Wheel Race, £10, 2 miles.—W. E. Mathews, scratch; H. Lucas, 30yds; W. H. Hawley, D. Dryden, 75; R. Chapman, 120; G. Lawrence, M. Riley, 170; H. J. Devine, 190; A. Barrett, 220; F. A. Lenon, 240; W. A. Finch, 260; H. Elrington, 280; G. A. Lenon, 310; J. R. Sim, 350.

CRICKET.

INTERSTATE JUNIOR CRICKET.

NEW SOUTH WALES v VICTORIA.

The interstate match between the above representative junior teams will commence on the Sydney Cricket Ground (No. 1 area), to-day at 10.30 a.m. The following are the teams:—

New South Wales.—C. Campbell (captain), A. Phelps, F. Demaix, L. Lee, C. Bowler, C. McIntyre, R. Eaton, F. Wright, W. Louden, A. Hanks, A. Emery, F. Storey.

Victoria.—C. R. Swan, E. F. Kennedy, C. Henry, J. Curwood, L. T. Nayler, T. A. Greensill, Fred. Honeybone, Geo. Honeybone, W. Scott, P. Trotter, B. W. Speechly, A. Shipp.

Umpires: Messrs. Wallace and Mibell.

MR. MACARTHUR'S TEAM v WESTERN DISTRICTS.

The above match will be played at the Sydney Cricket Ground to-day, starting at 10.45 a.m.

MATCH AT MAITLAND.

WEST MAITLAND, Tuesday.

A match between a Sydney team, captained by Mr. W. A. Richardson, and the Hunter River District was commenced at the Albion ground to-day. Scores:—

Maitland.—First Innings.

H. Harden, c Howard, b Gregg	15
L. Moore, c Middleton, b Minnett	4
H. Lindsay, c Middleton, b Howard	93
H. Reynolds, b Gregg	26
R. W. McLean, c McPhillamy, b Howard	35
Conus, c McPhillamy, b Black	2
A. C. Lawrie, b Howard	4
A. G. Lawrie, b Black	4
H. Johnston, b Black	8
J. Bendeich, not out	3
H. Brown, b Howard	1
Sundries	38
Total	236

LAWN TENNIS.

MOSMAN RECREATION CLUB TOURNAMENT.

The draw for to-day is:—

B Class Championship:—10 a.m., Griffiths v L. N. Gardiner; 11 a.m., N. B. Rotton v H. Smith; 12 noon, Robinson v Gibbes; 1 p.m., Doyle v Howell; 2 p.m., G. Smith v Johnson; 3 p.m., Way v Bunting; 4 p.m., G. Booth v Elwell; 5 p.m., A. H. Gardiner v Watson.

Gents.' Double Handicap.—3 p.m., Clark and Goddard v Doyle and Gibbes; 4 p.m., A. B. Jones and Wright v Hotton and Robinson.

Ladies and Gents.' Double Championship.—3 p.m., Wright and Mrs. Colquhoun v A. B. Jones and Miss F. Gordon; 4 p.m., Bowker and Miss Gardiner v Clark and Miss Elliott.

Gentlemen's Double Handicap.—Baber and Milton v Quinlan and Elwell, at 10 a.m.; Carr and Bunting v Peach and C. Smith, at 11 a.m.; Rudder and Lawson v Radford and F. Booth, at 12 noon; Skipper and Bull v Walker and A. Gardiner, at 1 p.m.; Kidston and Browne v Leura and Abraham, at 2 p.m.; Mackenzie and Howell v G. Smith and Marsh, at 10 a.m.; Oxley and Batch, v Taylor and Hammond, at 5 p.m.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's Double Handicap.—Doyle and Mrs. Doyle v Clark and Miss Ada Keele, at 11 a.m.; Marsh and Miss Dransfield v Skipper and Miss Cook, at 12 noon; Dive and Miss Clouston v R. N. Gardiner and Miss Osborne, at 1 p.m.; Bunting and Miss D. Gordon v Hammond and Miss Free, at 2 p.m.; Addison and Miss Gardiner v Elwell and Miss Alice Keele, at 5 p.m.

The postponed ladies' matches set down for Monday will be played on Thursday, commencing at 2 p.m.

GOLF.

The engagements for to-day are:—

Concord G.C., all day bogey competition.

Marrickville G.C., choice score, 36-hole, for Mr. P. R. Russell's trophy.

Strathfield G.C., stroke competition in morning, bogey in afternoon.

Killara G.C.—Morning, bogey competition. Afternoon, South v North.

BOXING.

OFFER TO SQUIRES FROM AMERICA.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

An American manager has cabled to Squires as follows from Los Angeles:—"Can match you with Jeffries, 30,000dols, finish fight, at Rhyolite, Nevada, April. 10,000dols, guarantee now in Farmers and Merchants' Bank. They for references; if make me manager, allow expenses. (Signed) Skinner." Who Skinner is none of the boxing people seem to know, but Squires has jumped at the chance of a match with Jeffries. Squires has cabled direct to Jeffries as follows:—"Received offer, signed Skinner, make match with you; was it authorised?" Squires is now awaiting a reply, and if Jeffries is agreeable the Australian will leave for America by the first available steamer. Mr. John Wren will probably accompany him.

MOUNTAIN INDUSTRIES.

LITHGOW, Monday.

The coal trade is unchanged. The Lithgow Valley Company's brickworks will be closed till Thursday. The ironworks will remain closed until January 2. In the meantime gangs of men will be engaged cleaning and overhauling the machinery. Both steel furnaces have been out for repairs, and are again under fire. This section of the industry will work through the holidays in order that there may be plenty of material on hand. Good progress continues at the blast furnace. The construction of a reservoir at the foot of the western bank is well in hand. An electric pump for pumping water from the reservoir to the cooling pond near the engine-house is in position. The excavations for the foundations for the piers which are to support the elevated tramway to the ore bunkers have been completed. With regard to other sections of the plant, operations have been retarded somewhat owing to delay in material coming to hand. Efforts will be made to begin the making of iron from ore on March 1. At the Brownfield pottery everything is progressing favourably. The works will be closed until January 2. The Cobar copper works will be subjected to the usual week's annual repair and flue cleaning. The Burraga works are dealing with high grade matte which is coming forward from mine furnaces. There will be no general holiday for the men at these works.

AMUSEMENTS.

HIGHLAND SOCIETY'S ANNUAL CONCERT.

On Tuesday next the Highland Society of New South Wales will give their annual New Year's Night concert. The programme will be unusually strong, as Mr. Andrew Black will make his first appearance here in Scottish ballads, of which he is a famous exponent, and Miss Maggie Stirling and Mr. John Lemmone are also engaged. Others assisting will be Miss Laila Mackenzie, Mr. Edgar Fulton, and the Balmain Scottish Choir, under Mr. J. F. Buchanan. The plan is at Paling's.

SYDNEY SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION.

On New Year's Night the Sydney Scottish Association will give a concert at the Centenary Hall, at which Miss Bessie Fraser, Mr. Robert Montgomery, and other favourite artists will contribute to an attractive programme of national music. The plan is at Nicholson's.

CONCERT AT ASHFIELD PARK.

An open-air concert will be given at Ashfield Park on Friday evening, under the auspices of the local municipal council. Misses Carrie Lanceley, Muriel Casey, Mr. W. Whyte, and Signor Lardelli will appear, and Mr. H. Gehde's orchestra will assist.

MUNICIPAL CONCERT.

Next Saturday night the final popular concert and organ recital of the present series is announced at the Town Hall. Mr. L. De Groen has arranged a fine programme, the Vice-Regal Concert Band contributing Tschaikowsky's charming "Morceau de Salon," "La Paloma," and other pieces. The City Organist will play several solos, Miss Ada Middenway will sing "The Lost Chord," and Mr. Walter Whyte "The Holy City," with full band and organ accompaniment.

THE HAYMARKET HIPPODROME.

The Anglo-Australian drama "Transported" will only be played at the Hippodrome for two nights more. A matinee performance will take place to-day at 2.30 p.m. On Friday evening an Irish drama entitled "In the King's Name," will be produced.

CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

The report of the Sydney Hospital for the week ended December 22 is as follows:—Admitted, 78; discharged, 89; died, 8; remaining, 292. Out-patients treated but not admitted, 1665; new casualty cases treated but not admitted, 288; old casualty cases treated but not admitted, 580; number of typhoid cases in hospital, 5.

SHIRE COUNCILS.

TWEED.—A meeting of the shire council was held on Saturday. Mr. C. Christie, the present assistant engineer, was appointed shire engineer and clerk combined at a salary of £375. Mr. Brooks, the present engineer, declined to accept the position. The Byron shire asked Tweed shire to co-operate in the appointment of an engineer, but Tweed shire declined on the ground that there was likely to be friction between the two shires. The president's allowance was fixed at £50 a year, and councillors at 10s a sitting.

THE WHITE OCEAN POLICY.

PROTEST BY THE P. AND O. COMPANY.

With reference to the proposal of the Commonwealth Government that British ships must be wholly manned by white crews in order to obtain the advantage of a preference in favour of British goods, Sir Thomas Sutherland, chairman of the P. and O. Company, wrote to the London "Times" last month as follows:—

"To achieve this purpose it is apparently a matter of no moment whether such crews are composed of British or foreign seamen, although it may be assumed that the latter element must, in the present state of our mercantile marine, largely abound.

"The exception thus formulated is clearly intended to prejudice the steamers now employed in carrying out the Imperial postal service with the Australian colonies (a service which has been thus carried out for considerably more than half a century), for these vessels, as it is well known, are partly manned by Indian seamen, who are also British subjects. Some years ago the Australian politician strenuously endeavoured to debar Indian seamen from being employed on board English mail steamers, but the Imperial Government refused to allow this policy to take effect. The same purpose is now revived in a worse form in connection with this preference legislation, but it can hardly be supposed that such a proposal will receive the sanction of his Majesty's Government, which is bound to protect the interest of all classes of his Majesty's subjects, whether they hail from India or elsewhere.

"The Australian Commonwealth recently passed an enactment which inflicts the enormous penalty of £100 on the shipowner in the event of a single lascar deserting his ship in Australia. The Commonwealth may be within its rights in this matter; but as between a local statute dealing with rare cases of Indian seamen tempted by the prospect of employment in camel driving, at the goldfields, or some analogous work, to desert their ships, and a policy which interferes, directly or indirectly, with the employment of any class of British subjects, under their own flag, there is a very wide distinction indeed from the imperial point of view, and those who are responsible for British rule in India cannot endorse a scheme of this character.

"At the present moment we have little or no information to enable us to judge as to the value of the preference proposed to be accorded to British industries, but if it is to be accompanied by any stipulation which would undermine the perfect freedom of this country in all matters affecting its oversea commerce it would be a boon of very doubtful value."

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—Dec. 25.

Hellenes, s, 3332 tons, Captain Baker, from Delagoa Bay, via Port Pirie, en route to United Kingdom or Continent. Gibbs, Bright, and Co., agents.

Helen Denny, bq, 994 tons, Captain Holm, from Hokianga, N.Z. Saxton and Binns, agents.

Alexa, bqtn, 285 tons, Captain White, from Wanganui, N.Z. Union Box and Packing Case Company, Limited, agents.

Chillagoe, s, 1490 tons, Captain James Banks, from Adelaide. Howard Smith Company, Limited, agents.

Moorabool, s, 2996 tons, Captain Thompson, from Melbourne and Geelong. Huddart, Parker, and Co., Proprietary, Limited, agents.

Illawarra, s, 522 tons, Captain Swanson, from Bateman's Bay. Illawarra and South Coast S.S. Company, Limited, agents.

Newcastle, s, 351 tons, Captain M. Thompson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Limited, agents.

Bega, s, 567 tons, Captain S. Bishop, from Eden, via ports. Illawarra and South Coast S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

Ramornie, s, 546 tons, Captain Charles Beach, from Macleay River. North Coast S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

Whangaroa, scow, 132 tons, Captain Symons, from Raglan, New Zealand. E. D. Pike and Co., agents.

Nardoo, s, 2307 tons, Captain W. A. Butcher, from Port Pirie. G. S. Yuill and Co., Ltd., agents.

Sydney, s, 634 tons, Captain Walker, from Newcastle. Newcastle and H.R. S.S. Co., Ltd., agents.

Dec. 26.

Swanhilda, four-masted bq, 1999 tons, Captain Macdonald, from Valparaiso.

Inverness, bq, 1815 tons, Captain Lewis, from Table Bay. Nelson and Robertson, agents.

DEPARTURES, Dec. 25.

Wodonga, s, for Cooktown, via Brisbane and ports. Arawatta, s, for Melbourne.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—Dec. 26.

Westralia, s, at 11 a.m., for Hobart; Victoria, s, at noon, for Auckland and other New Zealand ports; Allinga, s, at 5 p.m., for Brisbane, Maryborough, Bundaberg, and Rockhampton; Cooloon, s, at 9 p.m., for Coff's Harbour and Woolgoolga; Dorrigo, s, at 8 p.m., for Coff's Harbour and Woolgoolga; Illawarra and S. C. S.N. Company's steamer at 9 a.m., for Wollongong and Kiama; Coomonderry, s, at 9 a.m., for Shoalhaven, Nowra, and Berry; Peterborough, s, at 9 a.m., for Ulladulla; Illawarra, s, at 9 a.m. for Bateman's Bay, Clyde River, and Nelligen; Woy Woy, s, at 8 a.m. for Gosford and Wyong; Narara, s, at 5 p.m., for Hawkesbury River; Sydney, s, at 11.30 p.m. for Newcastle; Namoi, s, at midnight, for Newcastle; Norebar, s, for Byron Bay, via Trial Bay and Coff's Harbour; Duranbah, s, for Tweed River; Kallatina, s, for Clarence River; Tomki, s, for Richmond River; Duroby, s, for Tweed River; Tuncurry, s, for Cape Hawke.

IMPORTS.—Dec. 25.

Chillagoe, s, from Adelaide: 350 tons chaff, 50 tons bark, 10 tons slate slabs, and sundries.

Helen Denny, bq, from Hokianga, N.Z.: 475,000ft timber.

Alexa, bqtn, from Wanganui, N.Z.: 295,000ft white pine.

Whangaroa, scow, from Raglan, New Zealand: 126,000ft of timber.

MOVEMENTS OF MAIL STEAMERS.

The R.M.S. India, from London, bound to Sydney, arrived at Fremantle at 1.45 p.m. yesterday, and sailed again at 9.15 p.m. for Adelaide.

The R.M.S. Omrah, from Sydney, bound to London, left Fremantle on Monday for Colombo.

The R.M.S. Ortona, from London bound to Sydney, is due at Melbourne to-day from Adelaide.

The R.M.S. Moana, from Sydney, bound to Vancouver, passed Richmond River Heads at 4 p.m. yesterday, and is due at Brisbane to-day.

THE HELIOS AT NEWCASTLE.

The German barque Helios, which sailed from Lobos de Tierra on October 27 in ballast, for Newcastle, passed Sydney Heads 3 miles to the eastward at 12.20 p.m. yesterday, and subsequently reached her destination. The Helios, which is a vessel of 1201 tons commanded by Captain Bodmann, has been chartered to load a cargo of coal from the Caledonia Company's collieries for the west coast of South America.

THE SCHILLER RESUMES HER VOYAGE.

Our London shipping cable message this morning announces that the German barque Schiller, which but recently narrowly escaped total destruction, has resumed her voyage from London with a cargo of general merchandise from Germany for Melbourne. Originally the Schiller sailed from Tonning on Oct. 31, and early on the morning of Nov. 4 was observed off Dungeness flying signals of distress. There were no tugs available, and the Schiller became stranded. A heavy gale was raging, and the vessel was driven ashore at Greatstone and lost all her anchors in East Bay, Dungeness.

The Dungeness lifeboat returned to her station on the afternoon of the 5th ult, having achieved a gallant rescue and battled with a gale for nearly 24 hours. Early on Sunday evening, Nov. 4, they were signalled to help the large German barque Schiller, which had gone ashore at Greatstone. The distress signals were also seen at Littlestone. Some of the lifeboat crew were in church. The heavy boat had to be dragged a considerable distance over the sands before a suitable spot for a launch could be found. Nearly all the villagers helped, and the boat was launched. But they, like the Dungeness crew, who got out first, were unable to reach the wreck. In the course of time the Dungeness boat made her way out, and took 17 men on board.

On the following day it was reported that the Schiller was lying broadside on to shore in Romney Hoy, and had been knocked a long way up by heavy sea at time of stranding. On examination at low water it was found that one plate on the starboard quarter was cracked, and this was caulked. The vessel was making a little water, and was upright. Two powerful tugs, under agreement at £300 each, "no cure no pay," tried to tow the vessel off at high water.

The Schiller, after discharging part of her cargo into lighters, was towed off by two German tugs on Nov. 11, and was towed by the Gladiator to Gravesend, and thence to London Dock for repairs.

THE COMMONWEALTH LEAVES CAPETOWN.

A private cable message received in Sydney yesterday stated that the Blue Anchor liner Commonwealth sailed from Capetown on Friday last, en route from London bound to Sydney, via ports. She commenced her voyage on Nov. 30, and is due at Adelaide on Jan. 9, at Melbourne on Jan. 13, and at Sydney on Jan. 17.

THE EURYALUS LEAVES SOUTH AFRICA.

According to a private cablegram to hand last evening, the steamer Euryalus, of Messrs. Archibald Currie and Co.'s Australian and Indian line, sailed from East London, South Africa, on Saturday last for Melbourne direct.

THE ANTIOPE LEAVING TO-NIGHT.

The British barque Antiope, the interesting career of which was referred to in these columns some time ago, having completed discharging her cargo of redwood from Eureka in Johnstone's Bay, will be towed to sea to-night for Newcastle, where she is to load a full cargo of coal through the agency of Mr. R. B. Wallace for San Francisco. She was one of the fleet of merchantmen captured by the Japanese during the progress of the now historic war with Russia. The Antiope, a vessel now 40 years old, sailed with a cargo of stores from San Francisco on June 21 last year, under the instructions given to her master being to make for the Russian port of Nikolaevsk. Everything went well until the Antiope was off Saghalien Island on August 17, 1905, when she was stopped by a Japanese cruiser, claimed as a prize, seized, and a few days later sold.

QUICK PASSAGE OF THE HELEN DENNY.

The smart barque Helen Denny, which arrived here yesterday from Hokianga, New Zealand, has eclipsed all her previous performances by completing the voyage across the Tasman Sea in the remarkably quick time of eight days. Captain Holm states that the Helen Denny left the New Zealand port on Monday week last and met with light easterly winds until Saturday last. Strong north-easterly winds were then experienced, lasting to arrival. The Helen Denny brought a cargo of 475,000ft of kauri timber, and anchored in Johnstone's Bay. She has come here to the agency of Messrs. Saxton and Binns.

THE SWANHILDA, FROM VALPARAISO.

The four-masted barque Swanhilda, from Valparaiso, signalled Barranjoey at 6.45 last evening, and anchored off Chowder Bay at 2 o'clock this morning.

THE ALEXA, FROM NEW ZEALAND.

The barquentine Alexa, with a cargo of white pine from Wanganui, New Zealand, was among yesterday's arrivals at Sydney. She sailed on the 14th inst, and Captain White reports that fine weather conditions and favourable winds prevailed all the way. The Alexa, which has 295,000ft of timber on board, has come here to the agency of the Union Box and Packing Case Company, Limited, and proceeded to an anchorage in Johnstone's Bay.

THE WHANGAROA ARRIVES.

The little scow Whangaroa, which entered Sydney Heads last night, was the third arrival of timber-laden craft from New Zealand ports on Christmas Day. She sailed from Raglan on December 11 with a cargo of 126,000ft of kauri timber, the voyage having thus occupied a fortnight. Captain Symons, who is in command, reports an uneventful passage, fine-weather conditions having been met with throughout. The Whangaroa anchored in Johnstone's Bay, and is to the agency of Messrs. E. D. Pike and Co.

ARRIVAL OF THE HELLENES.

The big tramp steamship Hellenes, now running under charter to the Australian Union line, arrived at Sydney yesterday to commence loading wool and other cargo for the United Kingdom and the Continent. The Hellenes, which is a steel screw steamer of 3332 tons gross, was built in 1900 by Messrs. A. M'Millan and Co. and Son, Limited, of Dumbarton, for the British and South American Steam Navigation Company, Limited, of which Messrs. R. R. Houston and Co., of Liverpool, are the managers. The vessel is 350ft in length, with a beam of 47ft and a depth of 17ft, and is propelled by triple-expansion engines built by Messrs. D. Rowan and Co., of Glasgow.

The Hellenes sailed from Delagoa Bay, South Africa, in ballast, on November 17, and arrived at Port Pirie on 9th inst. Having loaded a large quantity of concentrates there as stiffening to prepare her to receive her wool cargo, the Hellenes left on the 19th inst for Sydney. She is commanded by Captain Baker.

ARRIVAL OF THE CHILLAGOE.

The cargo steamer Chillagoe, of the fleet of the Howard Smith Company, Limited, was among yesterday's arrivals at Sydney. Captain James Banks states that Port Adelaide was left at 5.30 p.m. on Friday last, and that fine weather with north-easterly to north-westerly winds ruled as far as Wilson's Promontory. From there to Gabo Island northerly to NNE winds were experienced, and from Gabo to Sydney strong southerly to south-easterly winds were encountered, accompanied by thunder, lightning, rain, and high seas. Sydney Heads were entered at 11.40 a.m. yesterday.

SAILING VESSELS DUE.

The following sailing vessels are now due at Sydney:—

Alsterufer, 4-m bq, from Iquique, 82 days.
Benicia, sh, from Antofagasta—57 days.
Celtic Race, sh, from Antofagasta—62 days.
Dowan Hill, 4-m bq, from London—88 days.
Gael, bq, from Glasgow—109 days.
Inverness, bq, from Capetown—48 days.
Schulau, sh, from Tocopilla—57 days.
Vercingetorix, sh, from New York—89 days.

NEW STEAMER OPAWA LAUNCHED.

Advices just received from London state that on November 5 the twin-screw steamer Opawa was launched at Dumbarton for the New Zealand Shipping Company, Limited. Her principal dimensions are:—Length, 460ft; breadth moulded, 60ft; depth, 34ft. Being primarily intended for the owners' extensive frozen meat trade from New Zealand, the entire fore end of the vessel is insulated in the holds and lower 'tween decks. The vessel has five hatchways, each fitted with powerful cargo gear, a feature of which is the great outreach over the ship's side which the derricks possess, thus enabling cargo to be discharged direct into trucks without intermediate handling, an economy which has been much appreciated by the owners' clients. The vessel is built to the classification of the British Corporation Registry. The propelling machinery consists of two sets of triple-expansion engines, having cylinders 24½, 41½, and 69 inches, with a stroke of 48in. There are five cylindrical boilers working under forced draught, each boiler having three suspension type furnaces. Messrs. Wailes, Dove, and Co.'s bitumastic enamels were applied to the bunkers and tank tops in holds and engine-room. Mrs. King, wife of the managing director of the owners' company, performed the naming ceremony.

P. AND O. OFFICERS PROMOTED.

According to letters recently received from London, Mr. B. J. Cornewall-Jones and Mr. A. N. Gunnery, respectively second and fourth officers of the P. and O. steamship Isis, have been specially promoted, in recognition of the service which they rendered on the occasion of the recent loss of the vessel's propeller, by diving and effecting a temporary repair pending the arrival at Zante of diving apparatus on board H.M.S. Suffolk. The Isis, which is now under repair at Greenock, is replaced in the Brindisi-Port Said route by the Peninsular, temporarily withdrawn from the Bombay-Aden service.

REMARKABLE ADVENTURE AT SEA.

The Harrison liner Barrister, which arrived at Liverpool on the 3rd ult, brought a man named Thomas Anderson, who had a remarkable adventure to relate to the American Consul. He was in the service of the Florida East Coast Railway as a mechanic in the construction of the Long Quay viaduct on the Florida coast. About 140 men were engaged upon the work, and they were domiciled in a houseboat anchored in the bay. On the morning of October 18 a furious gale sprang up, and the houseboat dragged her anchor and was carried out to sea with all on board, and became a wreck. Anderson managed to seize a long plank, and thus kept himself afloat. This would be about 6.30 o'clock in the morning. In this perilous position the man remained until 10 o'clock in the evening, when he descried a light, which proved to be that of the steamer Barrister, bound for Liverpool. The vessel came on towards him, and, as he states, struck the end of the plank to which he was clinging. His cries were fortunately heard, and a boat being lowered from the steamer he was extricated from his awful position.

A SENSATIONAL SHIPWRECK.

A terrible story of shipwreck is unfolded by the survivors of the Liverpool steamer Nemea, which was abandoned in the North Atlantic, the rescued men being brought home to the Mersey by the Johnston liner Vedamore. The Nemea was on a voyage from St. John (N.B.) to Manchester, with a cargo of timber. When a fortnight out from port the condenser broke down and the engines were stopped. A north-west gale was blowing, and there was a tremendous sea. The Nemea was slewed round broadside to the seas and became quite unmanageable. The deck cargo of deals shifted with the heavy rolling of the ship, and eventually was swept overboard together with the masts and bulwarks. The vessel tossed helplessly in the trough of the sea, making water at a great rate. All hands worked desperately at the pumps to keep themselves afloat. All the fires were extinguished, and the plight of the crew was most miserable. One great wave swept clean off the ship the master, Captain Shaw, and six others, but Captain Shaw and four others managed almost by a miracle to get back to the ship. The other two—Clellan, the third engineer, of Manchester, and Ray, a messroom boy, of Cardiff—were never seen again.

Shortly afterwards the Vedamore came to the rescue. A volunteer crew, including the chief officer—a Japanese—and the third officer, put off in a boat, Captain Henry manoeuvring the Vedamore to give the boat shelter and using oil freely to break the waves. The Vedamore's boat made two successful trips to the Nemea, bringing off most of the crew. The remainder succeeded in getting away in their own lifeboat. The rescue was effected 215 miles west of the Fastnet and about 500 miles from Liverpool.

A NEW INLAND SEA.

An astonishing byproduct of the development of irrigation in the west of America has been the creation of a new lake, known as the Salton Sea, and covering an area of 400 square miles. The Colorado River, having been accidentally turned from its course by the application of irrigation systems in Northern Mexico and Southern California, has flooded a basin so large that the resultant lake is already the largest body of water within the United States with the exception of Salt Lake and Lake Michigan. It is estimated that in 40 years, at the present rate of increase, the flooded area will be comparable to the entire series of great lakes separating the States from Canada.

TURBINES FOR JAPAN.

Further evidence of the enterprise of Japanese shipowners comes from the Clyde, where Messrs. Takata and Co., Japanese merchants and shipowners, with offices in London, have ordered two powerful ocean turbine steamers from Dumbarton, for the Eastern trade.

DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW MAIL STEAMERS.

News has reached Sydney from London that the shipbuilding programme of the recently registered Australian Mail Liners Syndicate, Limited, has now been arranged. Eight steamers are to be at once built, and of these the following firms will construct two each:—

Messrs. W. Beardmore and Co., Limited, Clydebank.
Messrs. Vickers, Son, and Maxim, Limited, Barrow-in-Furness.
Messrs. Armstrong, Whitworth, and Co., Limited, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
Sir James Laing and Sons, Limited, Sunderland.

The vessels will be twin-screw steamers, 560ft in length and 62ft in beam, and will have a depth of 32½ feet. Their cargo-carrying capacity will be 7500 tons, of which some 4000 tons will consist of refrigerating accommodation. It goes without saying that no last mail steamer hitherto built has such a large amount of refrigerating space.

The steamers, which will be distinguished by having two funnels, will be capable of doing 17½ to 18 knots an hour. They will provide accommodation for 370 first and second class passengers, and 500 third-class passengers. An interesting feature is that all the first-class passenger accommodation will be above deck. This is an obvious convenience, since there will be practically no need to close ports in rough weather. The second-class passengers will be located in the after part of the ship, and the third-class passengers forward.

The vessels will be provided with large saloons, and in addition the cabins will be of such a size as to ensure the utmost comfort. The internal arrangements may still be subject to alteration, but there is reason to believe that the ships will from this point of view prove very attractive to passengers, without pretending to any excess in the way of ostentatious decoration.

It will be seen that the vessels have a very considerable beam. This circumstance is clearly of importance as assuring steadiness, and quite disposes of a suggestion made some time back that the steamers would to some extent depend for their speed upon their narrowness.

The Australian Mail Liners Syndicate, Limited, has been registered. Its capital is £50,000, in 50,000 shares of £1 each. The objects are to acquire from Sir James Laing and Sons, Limited, a contract with the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia for the establishment of a line of steamers between England and Adelaide, under subsidy from the Australian Government, and to carry into effect such contract. The subscribers are:—

	Shares.
Vickers, Sons, and Maxim, Limited, 32 Victoria-street, S.W.	5000
William Beardmore, Parkhead Forge, Glasgow	5000
H. Treviss Clarke, director, Sir James Laing and Sons, Limited, Deptford Yard, Sunderland	5000
John Wilson Potter, ship owner, 2 Fenchurch-avenue, E.C.	5000
Lord Armstrong, 38 Eaton-square, S.W.	5000
J. H. B. Noble, treasurer, Sir W. G. Armstrong, Whitworth, and Co., Elswick Works, Newcastle	5000
Alfred Beesly, 24 Coleman-street, London, E.C.	1
Alfred P. D'Alessio, 18 Bassett-road, North Kensington, W., solicitor	1

The first directors of the company are Lord Armstrong, Mr. A. Vickers, Mr. John H. B. Noble, Mr. W. Beardmore, Mr. H. Treviss Clarke, and Mr. J. W. Potter.

GERMAN MAIL STEAMERS TO BE ACCELERATED.

Commencing with the new year, the Norddeutscher-Lloyd mail service from Southampton to Sydney will be quickened by six days. The passage between Southampton and Fremantle will be reduced from 38 to 34 days, and from Southampton to Sydney from 49 to 43 days. The times between intermediate ports will be reduced in proportion.

The China and Japan service will also be quickened by two days, and from the commencement of 1907 both these services will be maintained solely by twin-screw steamers of the latest type.

CREWS IN THE SOUTH SEAS.

In connection with the jubilee extension of the Missions to Seamen, the Rev. G. F. Wilson, M.A., superintendent, is coming out on a mission tour to the South Seas, to visit Australasian ports, and by conference and co-operation to take part in the developments of the sailor work which has been started with so much sympathetic and kindly energy by the Church in the colonies, in conjunction with the Church at home.

The Archbishops of Sydney and Melbourne and the Bishops of Wellington, Auckland, Newcastle, and others are taking an active part in making the Church's care of sailors a reality; and there is quite a band of Missions to Seamen chaplains and lay missioners working in our great centres of shipping, with seamen's churches and institutes, steam and motor launches, and other mission boats.

Mr. Wilson hopes to reach Melbourne by the steamer due there on January 6, holding interviews en route with sailors' friends at Fremantle and Adelaide. The Missions to Seamen chaplains at Melbourne and Sydney are arranging a round of visits to the large ports in Victoria and New South Wales before Mr Wilson goes to New Zealand harbours, to observe and discuss what more could be done to protect and assist crews frequenting other ports in the South Seas. It is hoped that experience gained in so many ports occupied by the Missions to Seamen may be of use in discussing further plans for religious ministrations afloat in colonial harbours.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

GOODE ISLAND (2000 miles).—Passed: Dec. 24, Hessen, s, bound to Sydney.

BRISBANE (500 miles).—Arr: Dec. 23, Taiyuan, from Sydney. Dec. 24, Mildura, s, and Gabo, s, both from Sydney; Augusta, s, from Richmond River; Flinders, s, from Bundaberg; Orange Branch, s, from Townsville. Dec. 25, Peregrine, s, Waipara, s, both from Townsville. Dep: Dec. 24, Augusta, s, for Richmond River; Taiyuan, s, for Hongkong; Surada, s, for Calcutta; Tinana, s, for Bundaberg; Gabo, s, for Townsville; Mildura, s, for Rockhampton; Moira, s, and Marloo, s, both for Sydney.

RICHMOND RIVER HEADS (231 miles).—Passed: Dec. 25, Marathon, s, at 12.30 p.m., Moana, R.M.S., at 4 p.m., both north; Marloo, s, at 5 p.m., south.

SOUTH WEST ROCKS (209 miles).—Dep: Dec. 25, Myee, s, early, for Sydney.

PORT MACQUARIE (174 miles).—Arr: Dec. 25, Wauchope, s, at 1 p.m., Pyrmont, s, at 1.30 p.m., Rockley, s, at 3 p.m., all from Sydney.

TACKING POINT (160 miles).—Passed: Dec. 25, City of Grafton, s, at 1.30 p.m., a large two-masted steamer, with red funnel, with white band, at 3 p.m., both south; Rosedale, s, at 2.40 p.m., north.

CROWDY HEADS (147 miles).—Passed: Dec. 25, a large steamer, with red and white and black funnel, at 12.20 p.m., Cycle, s, at 5.45 p.m., both north.

CAPE HAWKE (123 miles).—Arr: Dec. 25, Paris, sch, at 3.45 p.m., from Newcastle. Dec. 25, Alice Templeton, ktch, barbound.

SEAL ROCKS (109 miles).—Passed: Dec. 25, Indradeo, s, at 7.30 a.m., Cycle, s, at 1.15 p.m. (flying PWTL), Nerong, s, at 3 p.m., all north.

NEWCASTLE (62 miles).—Arr: Dec. 25, Tarshaw, s, Bucentaur, s, Magdalene, s, Namoi, s, Sydney, s, all from Sydney; Wilhelmine, German barque, from West Coast; Helios, German barque, from Lobas de Tierra. Dep: Dec. 25, Kaiapoi, s, for Bluff; New Guinea, s, for Melbourne; Cycle, s, for Manila; Port Logan, sh, for Mexillone; Brunel, bq, for Junin; Newcastle, s, for Sydney.

BARRANJOEY (19½ miles).—Passed: Dec. 25, Swanhilda, four-masted bq, at 6.45 p.m., south.

WOLLONGONG (44 miles).—Arr: Dec. 25, Hilda, scow, at 11 a.m. Passed: Dec. 25, Phil Forbes, ktch, at noon, north.

JERVIS BAY (87 miles).—Passed: Dec. 25, Howard Smith liner at 1.15 a.m., a barque at 10.30 a.m., Nardoo, s, at 1.30 p.m., a large steamer with yellow funnel with black top, at 6 p.m., all north; a large steamer with yellow funnel with black top, at 6 a.m., Hawkes Bay, at 9.5 a.m., Kadina, s, at 11.40 a.m., Beira, s, at 12.10 p.m., Norkoowa, s, at 1.30 p.m., all south.

MORUYA HEADS (141 miles).—Passed: Dec. 25, Eden, s, at 10.15 a.m., south.

GREEN CAPE (218 miles).—Passed: Dec. 25, Bermagui, s, at 2.30 p.m., a motor launch (painted white), at 4 p.m., both south.

GABO (238 miles).—Passed: Dec. 25, a steamer (distant) west, at 3.46 p.m.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY (426 miles).—Passed outwards: Dec. 25, Bramley, s, at 9.45 a.m., Windhill, s, at 10.40 a.m., Brisbane, s, at 11 a.m., Loch Katrine, bq, at 11 a.m., a ship at 11 a.m., Mareeba, s, at 12.20 p.m.

MELBOURNE (576 miles).—Arr: Dec. 25, Celic, s, from Liverpool; Rippingham Grange, s, from Sydney; Buninyong, s, from Newcastle; Relic, sch, from Hobart; Perth, s, from Newcastle. Dep: Dec. 24, Coolgardie, s, for Sydney; Mareeba, s, and Winfield, s, both for Newcastle; Lothringen, s, and Goslar, s, both for the Continent; Indian Monarch, s, for Sydney; Bramley, s, for Sydney. Dec. 25, Uganda, s, for Sydney; Brisbane, s, and Foverie, s, both for Newcastle.

ALBANY (2100 miles).—Passed: Dec. 24, Nore, F.M.S., west.

FREMANTLE (2400 miles).—Arr: Dec. 25, India, R.M.S., at 1.45 p.m., from London. Dep: Dec. 24, Omrah, R.M.S., for London. Dec. 25, Grantala, s, and Cooeyanna, s, both for the eastern States; India, R.M.S., at 9.15 p.m., for Adelaide.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

WELLINGTON (1220 miles).—Arr: Dec. 25, Riverina, s, from Melbourne.

LYTTELTON (1274 miles).—Arr: Dec. 25, Mahrua, s, from Sydney. Dep: Dec. 25, Delphic, s, for London; Paparoa, s, for London.

BLUFF (1107 miles).—Arr: Dec. 25, Wimmera, s, from Hobart.

WESTPORT (1076 miles).—Dep: Dec. 25, Haurota, s, for Fiji.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

LONDON, Tuesday.

Arrivals.

Antenor, s (Ocean S.S. Company-Holt's Blue Funnel line), 5531 tons, Captain Dickers, at Dunkirk, en route to London and Liverpool from Sydney Oct. 22, via Melbourne Oct. 29, and Adelaide Nov. 6.

Runic, s (White Star line), 12,482 tons, Captain Mathias, at London, from Sydney Oct. 31, via Melbourne Nov. 7, Albany Nov. 13, and Capetown Dec. 1.

Melville Island, British ship, 1429 tons, Captain Larkin, at Falmouth, with 18,525 bags of wheat, from Port Pirie Sept. 15.

Rostock, s (German-Australian S.S. Company), 4072 tons, Captain Truisen, at Hamburg, from Sydney Nov. 3, via Melbourne Nov. 9, and Suez Dec. 1.

Waimate, (New Zealand Shipping Company's line), 5610 tons, Captain Forsdyck, at London, from Auckland Nov. 2.

Departures.

Merioneth, Italian ship, 1386 tons, Captain Ranata, from Bremenhaven for Melbourne.

Schiller, German bq, 1196 tons, Captain Stalsbaum, from London (en route from Tonning) for Melbourne.

Wychwood, British ship, 1216 tons, Captain Watson, from Hamburg for Melbourne.

Damascus, s (Aberdeen line), 3726 tons, Captain Schlemann, from London for Sydney, via Capetown and ports.

Fort George, British four-masted bq, 1766 tons, Captain Fullerton, from New York with oil for Sydney and Newcastle.

Australind, s, 4251 tons, Captain Pidgeon, from London for Albany.

Clyde, British ship, 1652 tons, Captain Hicks, from Birkenhead for Fremantle.

Star of Scotland, s (Tyser line), 6230 tons, Captain Hart, from London for Wellington.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Tuesday.

Average rainfall for 47 years, 49.047.

Average for 48 years, Jan. 1 to Nov. 30, 46.202.

Total rainfall from Jan. 1, 1906, to Dec. 25, 31.885.

Total for corresponding period of previous year, 34.921.

Temperature: Maximum, 68.1; minimum, 59.7; 9 p.m., 61.0.

Barometer: 9 a.m., 30.178; 9 p.m., 30.280.

Wind: Greatest velocity, 36.2 miles, at 9.7 a.m., from the south.

RAIN REGISTRATIONS.

New South Wales.—Additional reports on Monday evening: Crookhaven Heads 43 points, Dubbo 53, Goulburn 74, Inverell 65, Jervis Bay 50, Kiandra 9, Moruya 15, Newcastle 70, Walgett 20, Yass 68.

Reports received on Tuesday: Former 40 points, Green Cape 74, Kempsey 81, Sydney (for 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.) 64, Seal Rocks 75, Nambucca 70, Woolgoolga 58.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 6 P.M.

Woolgoolga, S, cloudy, heavy sea; Bellinger Heads, SW, light, fine, sea moderate; Nambucca Heads, S, strong, cloudy, sea rough; Port Macquarie, S, strong, cloudy, sea slight; Manning Heads, S, strong, cloudy, heavy sea on bar; Seal Rocks, S, fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Port Stephens, SE, strong, cloudy, sea rough; Newcastle, SSE, fresh, cloudy, sea slight; Barranjoey, S, strong, sea rough; South Head, SE, moderate, fine, sea smooth; Kiama, SE, fresh, fine, sea moderate; Jervis Bay, SE, fine, sea moderate; Moruya, SE, light, fine, cloudy, sea smooth; Eden, SW, fresh, fine, cloudy, sea moderate; Green Cape, S, fresh, fine, cloudy, sea moderate; Gabo Island, S, moderate, cloudy, fine, sea slight.

FORECAST AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Generally fine and cool, with southerly to easterly winds; some cloud on the seaboard, and probably a shower or two in the north.—H. A. Hunt.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR DEC. 26.

Sun rises 4.44, sets 7.8; moon, 3.13 p.m., 1.34 a.m.; Mercury, 5.25 a.m., 5.30 p.m.; Venus, 2.47 a.m., 4.24 p.m.; Mars, 1.19 a.m., 2.30 p.m.; Jupiter, 7.13 p.m., 5.8 a.m.; Saturn, 9.50 a.m., 10.56 p.m.

Full moon, Dec. 31.

High water at Fort Denison, 5.12 a.m., 5.37 p.m.

MAKING A LITERATURE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I have before me several leading articles, including the last on "Making a Literature."

As one who makes a living solely by depicting with brush and pen the characteristics of his native land and who has tramped the whole of it, inside a line drawn from Spencer Gulf to Cloncurry, and published some forty odd stories and sketches and sold over 1500 drawings, mostly dealing with that "melancholy, arid atmosphere, hopeless outlook, dreary drivel of drought and dull lives, pessimism, and the weaker national types," (since these are the most common), I venture to protest against that reiteration which states these are not "typically Australian," and, therefore, disparages the occupation of the native artist, who if he be determined to portray fact, must consider they are.

From Otway to Cooktown, except about Gabo Island, the rich coastal fringe is policed, telegraphed, and settled, like Sydney suburbs. The routine work of farm and dairy offers little story scope, though available for plenty of cheerful prose sketches, descriptive and humorous. But, the great grassy or grassless interior, with its deserts, vast storms, wild blacks, black sheep, lunatics, and swagsmen, the great heart of the Australian continent, and its types, must ever be the theme of artists and writers, seeking a romance land of phantasy, reality, and heroism. Plodders make good farmers, heroes seldom. Why should we study the opposite, the commonplace and the conventional? These are everywhere. The West, with its camels and Afghans, its sterile and measureless grandeur, its fiercely sincere and free life, its cautious riding and reckless drinking (where life often depends upon the sagacity of a beast) is not everywhere, and the public are rightly curious about it. The farmer of the Eastern forest wishes to know all about the West. I have sat till 2 a.m. talking of such "depressing themes." Conversely, the settler of the West likes to hear of the Northern scrubs and myriads of caterpillars and leeches.

Australia contains both. Those who would decry the so-called "pessimistic tone" are just as inept as those who argue for the "optimistic."

The one needful element which somehow never is mentioned is the personable. And this presents itself best when literary merit is most accepted and fads cheerless or cheery least minded.

Those who know the West and have risked life and health to understand it should not be decried because they are "spineless" enough to be true to it and themselves (and pessimism).

Any attempt to decry local colour tends to destroy what some of us have taken years to build up, even enduring more than fifty farmers and several thousand comfortable optimists could dream of. This, at our own expense, and for the benefit of local literature.

Yours, etc., JOE RUSKINS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Permit me, as an old colonist of more than 30 years' standing and great and varied experience of all phases of Australian life, to fully endorse the very just remarks in your leader "Making a Literature" in last Saturday's "Herald" on the "Australian stories" and "Australian verses" that do duty as literature. Both stories and verses are, as you say, "a vulgar libel on the true life of the country."

There is a vein of hopeless pessimism running through nearly all recent Australian pseudo-literature. It fastens on the poorest and most hopeless class of selector, ridicules his struggles, and sneers at his incompetence. The fashion having been set, it was easy to follow, and it has been followed, but, as you say, it is not literature. Real literature puts before us men and women at their best, or worst. Climate, scenery, and such accessories should be no more than the setting for the actors—the stage and its decoration.

No doubt Australian stories might be written anywhere. Of course they might. Are they not written in England, by people saturated with English literature? Anyone who has the talent for story-telling, and the necessary local knowledge, can write French, German, Italian, or Spanish stories. "Gil Blas," one of the best Spanish stories, was written by Le Sage, a Frenchman. As you say, "the slum bard tends to create a depressing atmosphere," and we may perhaps impute part of the unfavourable impression that has prevailed in reference to us on the other side of the world to our literature, which is pessimist and unwholesome. I am, etc.,

J. REID.

Waverley, Dec. 22.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

FINANCIAL.

Yesterday was, of course, kept as a close holiday in financial and commercial circles.

HISTORY OF CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE.

A chamber of commerce was first founded in Glasgow in 1783, Edinburgh following in 1785. Then came Manchester, after which Leeds, Halifax, Exeter, and Birmingham. Hull had its chamber in 1837, and Liverpool in 1849. A number of chambers were founded in Yorkshire about 1850, including those of Bradford and Huddersfield, so that London came very late, in 1881. Why London so frequently fails to take the lead in these matters it is not easy to say. It may be due, as Sir Albert Rollit, ex-president of the London Chamber, has suggested, to the fact that there is less cohesion of commerce in the metropolis, or to the comparative absence of local life, and its great variety of manufactures and trades. It is probable, however, that it may to some degree be accounted for by the existence of great special centres of commerce and trade resorts, such as the Royal Exchange, the Baltic, the Commercial Salerooms, the Metal, the Wool, and Wood, and the Coal Exchanges, and its many trade associations—most of which are, however, now connected with the London Chamber of Commerce. Albeit late in its foundation, the London Chamber now has the largest number of subscribers of any chamber in the Empire. It has nearly 4000 members on its rolls, with a total income of over £18,000. The high offices of the chamber have always been filled by leading members of the commercial community, the personnel being changed every three years. In view of the breadth and diversity of its interests and activities, it is a matter of considerable surprise to observe the apathy with which the question of membership is so often regarded by commercial men in London. This is especially so in view of the fact that, in a number of cases, the advantages obtained at the expense of members are inevitably shared by those who do not contribute towards the finances of the chamber. Only recently three of the most able commercial and financial men in London admitted that they had not attended a single meeting for a period extending over several years! This is exactly the gravest trouble which the Sydney Chamber suffers from. Many of its members take little or no stock in its doings except in certain cases in which they have pecuniary interests. This is not as it should be.

IN DEFENCE OF SPECULATION.

The question of the morality of speculation has often been discussed. Like most problems, it has two well-defined sides. We see on the one hand prices forced up by speculative "corners" quite against the public interest. On the other hand, we realise the levelling effect of speculative operations on prices. In defence of this system, which is part and parcel of our present business methods, the "Wall-street Journal" states:—"Speculation or gambling is apparently inseparable from the maintenance of a broad, active market, either in stocks or commodities. Eliminate speculation, and confine trading to those who have actual property to buy and sell, and the market instantly becomes narrow and unsatisfactory. Take the grain market of Chicago as an illustration. Before the day of buying and selling for future delivery, farmers were oftentimes subjected to heavy losses between the shipment from the field and arrival at point of delivery. The market for 'futures' was invented for the benefit of farmers and country shippers. It enabled them to sell their products ahead, and afforded insurance against loss in transit. The same is true of cotton and other products of the soil. The practice extended to metals, and prevails in many lines of merchandising. Wholesalers will contract for the entire output of factories and mills the world over, oftentimes for months or a year ahead. Speculation in stocks may be conducted on entirely legitimate lines, and frequently is. It calls into action the highest intelligence and the widest range of experience and information. Capitalists buy or sell the market in obedience to the dictates of their judgment as to the bearing of events on values. Properly applied, this sort of speculation is as legitimate as the buying or selling of merchandise. There is speculation in everything. Why not, therefore, invest money on a well-matured estimate of the influence of favourable or unfavourable conditions upon the business situation? Indulgence in reckless over-speculation breeds dishonesty in high places as well as low, but that is no reason why Wall-street or the Stock Exchange should be indiscriminately assailed. Over-speculation almost inevitably is followed by disaster, and in a great majority of cases the victims have themselves to blame."

STATISTICS OF MANUFACTURES.

The completion of the manufacturing census of the United States, which has been in progress for over a year past, has been marked recently by the issue of complete summary statistics, comparing the results of the census with the figures gathered in 1900 for the whole country. The actual results as published are as follows:—

	1905.	1900.	Per cent of increase.
No. of est'b'h'ts	216,262	207,562	4.2
Capital	$12,686,265,673	$8,9?8,826,200	41.3
Salaried officials, clerks, etc.:			
Number ..	519,751	364,202	42.7
Salaries ...	$574,761,231	$380,880,091	50.9
Wage-earners:			
Avg. number	5,470,321	4,719,396	15.9
Wages	$2,611,540,532	$2,011,308,034	29.8
Miscel. exp.	1,455,019,473	905,000,225	60.7
Cost of materials used	8,503,949,756	6,577,614,074	29.3
Value of prod..	14,802,147,087	11,411,121,122	29.7

Some of the percentages in the last column of the above table are of particular interest. It is to be noted for instance that whereas the value of the output increased by 29.7 per cent., and the amount of capital employed by 41.3 per cent. the number of establishments only increased by 4.2 per cent., and wages by 29.8 per cent. The percentage of increase of the value of the total output, of wages and of the raw material used, was remarkably close, lying in each case between 29 and 30 per cent. These results are exclusive of the returns of neighbourhood industries and hand trades; such as the building trades, dressmaking, millinery, custom-sewing and grinding, cobbling, and the like. It should be understood, however, that the great total represented by the census figures has been obtained by including many things that in no proper sense are to be regarded as manufactures. The best sense of government statisticians is against the inclusion of such products as hams, canned salmon, etc., as "manufactures" even though they contribute to swell the total.

GERMANY'S SHIPPING AMBITIONS.

Both the Nord-Deutscher Lloyd and the Hamburg-Amerika companies are increasing their capital with a view to substantial increases to their fleets. Competition between existing lines is everywhere so keen that on many routes the profits are reduced to a minimum, so it cannot be said that German enterprise in cutting into foreign trade arrangements in all parts of the world is actuated by a desire to meet a long-felt want. This enterprise is mainly the result of the German State policy, which is embodied in the Kaiser's famous declaration that Germany's future lies on the sea. The German State affords every assistance and protection to the German mercantile marine which it possibly can. Subsidies there may not be in the ordinary sense of the word—for the German Government and the German companies alike deny that the latter are subsidised—but when German steamers are run at Government instigation into routes where they make a dead loss on the venture and yet show a profit on the books, an explanation must be sought in some other direction. Possibly, as was suggested to the writer by a German shipping agent in London, it is to be found in the circumstances that the German Government may pay, on State-consigned goods, freight rates sufficiently large to cover the losses on private consignments. The Hamburg-Amerika Company already owns 341 ships, of which 162 are ocean-going, and include some of the largest vessels in the world. Yet the company makes the official statement that "the dearth of steamers makes an increase of tonnage, with a consequent increase in capital, imperative," and that it "has frequently been compelled to hire inferior foreign ships." Considering some of the vessels which this company has hired, a remark of this character contains an unjustifiable slur and is uncalled for, to say the least. If it be meant that some of the steamers chartered in former years are not up to modern requirements, no one will say it nay; but it is unkind to imply that the vessels hired were inferior in their day. The company intends to raise its capital to 120,000,000 marks (£6,000,000), by the issue of 30,000,000 marks, and its debentures total 50,000,000 marks. The Nord-Deutscher Lloyd's capital of 100,000,000 marks is to be increased to 125,000,000, and its debentures amount to 85,000,000 marks.

THE BEGINNING OF TRUSTS.

The formation of trusts has become a prominent factor in the conduct of commerce within the last few years. What are known as "trusts" in the world of commerce are those organisations which represent a combination or aggregation of capital secured for the purpose of engaging in the development of various industries, with the superadded purpose of acquiring monopoly. The idea of monopoly in commerce is by no means modern, as in every country where inventions exist there also exist "patent" laws which have been enacted for the express purpose of enabling inventors, if they so desire, to secure full control of their productions. This object is undoubtedly a very laudable one, and, as history proves, it has resulted not only in the enrichment of the individual inventor, but also of all countries adopting such inventions as were found to be useful. Trusts, however, as commonly understood, cannot be said to come under this category, although it is perfectly true that in some cases they occasionally not only aid, but control "legal" and "natural" monopolies. Let us glance for a moment at the causes which have led to the formation of trusts (says the "Magazine of Commerce"). Experience points to the fact that trusts have originated from the combined effects of over-trading and competition. A demand arises for a particular article, and this demand grows to such an extent as to be beyond the capacity of existing factories to meet it. Prospects and profits are good, and manufacturers at once proceed to take measures to increase their productive power by enlarging their works, and increasing their plant. The prosperity of the trade becomes contagious; new partnerships are formed, and consequently new factories are erected. In due course the demand is satisfied and prices remain at a standstill. To the continued production the market does not respond, and this at once brings about a fall in prices, and in order to dispose of their stock, manufacturers either have to sell at cost, or at a loss. In the case of the small employer the remedy is comparatively easy, but the large manufacturer—to whom a stoppage becomes very serious—as a last resource, is driven to entrench upon his capital. Other manufacturers of the same article are similarly affected, and finally, as a defensive measure, they decide to take united action, and thus it comes about that a "trust" or combination is formed.

UNITED STATES' WOOL IMPORTS.

The falling-off in the importations of foreign wools into the United States this year, compared with last, is reflected in the Government figures, showing the imports for the first eight months of the year 1906. The imports of class 1 wools (clothing) during that period were only 73,610,517 pounds, as against 103,738,179 pounds during the corresponding time last year; imports of class 2 wools (combing) were only 6,568,164 pounds, as against 15,101,448 pounds; while imports of class 3 wools (carpet) were only 65,823,361 pounds, as against 77,014,238 pounds, making total importations of all kinds of wools only 146,002,042 pounds, as against 195,853,865 pounds for the corresponding period in 1905. During the month of August there was a falling off, as compared with last year, of over 2,000,000 pounds.

COMMERCIAL.

WHY IS LEATHER DEAR?

The high prices ruling for leather all over the world are discussed by the "London Shoe and Leather Record," and the following deductions should be of interest:—

The arguments upon which tanners and leather merchants base their claim for an advance rest almost solely upon the dearness of hides and skins. Why are hides and skins of all kinds so dear? There is a good deal to be said in favour of the view that the tendency of recent years in civilised countries has been to eat less flesh meat than formerly. Not many years ago a meal without meat was considered to be a sign of poverty. This is so no longer. People avoid meat by choice. Prosperity does not to-day lead to increased meat eating, at any rate as it affects the butcher. The poulterer and the fishmonger, as well as the purveyor of prepared cereals, are doing a roaring trade. But these estimable people have no hides to sell, and, though we may be delighted to witness their wellbeing, they do not help the tanner. The foundation of the entire leather industry is the utilisation of the chief by-product of the slaughter-house—the hide. If hides are scarce because of a permanent change of taste or habit in food they are likely to remain scarce. And dear hides in the long run must mean dear leather.

Another theory which helps to account for dear leather is that new uses are being found for it. Two well-known tanners have practically abandoned the tanning of sole leather, and are turning their attention to leather chiefly used in connection with motor cars. In one case the tanner is converting hides which used to make excellent butts into leather which is split to provide coverings for the hoods and seats of motor cars. The other, who used to make bends, is now turning his tanyard into a chrome leather factory, and he produces little or nothing except the leather which is used to make the steel-studded covers which are so extensively used for the tires of motor cars. These are instances which by the merest chance came under notice within the past few days, and there must be very many more. Now, butts and bends are not only cut for sole leather, but their tanning involves the production of shoulders, bellies, cheeks, and faces, used for insoles, middles, heels, and so forth by the boot manufacturer. This so-called offal is now taken off the market because, in making motor car leather, the hide is tanned or chromed all in one piece.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN MUTTON.

From the commencement of September, when the exporting season opened, shipments of frozen carcases of mutton and lamb from South Australia amounted to 129,087 carcases, of which the greater number were for London. Official statistics give the weight of exports during September, October, and November as 4,857,929lb, valued £78,823. So far exports are not as large as a year ago, but it is expected that the shortage will be overtaken before the season closes.

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Renmark Dried Fruit.—At the annual meeting of the Renmark Fruitpacking Union, Limited, last week, it was stated that there were many indications that the past year had been a prosperous one for the union. Substantial reductions had been made in the packing and grading charges. The rates were now 7s 6d per ton for grading all sorts of dried fruits, packing apricots and peaches, £4 5s per ton; currants, raisins, and sultanas, £2 17s 6d per ton; and the directors promised that if on account of a large handling they were able to further reduce their charges the grower would have the benefit of such reduction in the shape of a rebate at the end of the year. The report wound up with a recommendation that a dividend of 8 per cent. be declared on all paid-up capital. In moving the adoption of the report and balance-sheet the chairman stated that the accounts before shareholders were the best ever presented to them. The indebtedness to Messrs. G. Wood, Son, and Co., had been reduced from over £1900 to £624 14s, and to balance that item there was a credit by growers' account of £631 odd. He pointed out that the reductions arrived at meant 10s per ton on apricots, making a total reduction in these charges of £1 per ton during the past two years, and in the case of raisins and currants the reduction was 10s per ton. The more fruit the union handled the cheaper the charges would be. In regard to the returns from the exported raisins, this was now more equitably arranged, and growers would all bear a share in it, as it was before those who grew a large percentage of the best sorts often found themselves worse off than their more careless neighbour. Under the present arrangement this had been done away with. He warned growers against selling outside the Renmark authorised agents. They had always been treated well by them, and it was in every grower's interest to work together. It was only by regulating the market that prices could be maintained, and with that idea a scheme had been formulated whereby anyone so desirous might sell to the union at slightly under fixed prices. To ensure the grower getting full value for his fruit, 75 per cent. of the balance between the amount given and that realised by the sale would be returned to him. The remaining 25 per cent. was placed to the credit of a fund for the purpose of buying fruit on this basis.

MELBOURNE FRUIT MARKETS.

MELBOURNE, Tuesday.

In the Western Market on Monday local apples realised 5s to 6s case; pears, 4d to 5s; apricots, 8s to 5s; peaches, 4s to 8s; loquats, 3s to 5s; lemons, 5s to 6s; tomatoes, 9s to 10s; cherries, 8s 6d to 7s 6d; cherry plums, 3s to 3s 6d; Orlean plums, 3s 6d to 4s; gooseberries, 3s to 4s 6d; strawberries, 9d to 1s pocket; raspberries, 4d to 5d; red and white currants, 2½d to 3d lb; New South Wales oranges, 8s to 12s case; lemons, 4s to 6s; tomatoes, 4s to 6s; passionfruit, 17s to 14s; Queensland pines, 10s to 12s double-case; bananas, 11s to 14s; bananas, 3s to 6s bunch; Italian oranges, 22s 6d to 27s 6d double-case; lemons, 20s to 25s; Californian oranges, 11s to 12s case; navels, 15s to 16s; apples, 14s to 17s.

NORTH SEA-BALTIC CANAL.

Although the more detailed accounts of contemplated alterations and extensions of the Emperor William Canal are being denounced as premature and inaccurate, it is now admitted from reliable quarters that an extension has become a necessity. Many conditions—strategical, commercial, and otherwise—have altered very materially during the eleven years the canal has been open to traffic. The German fleet has grown vastly during that decade, and the present canal cannot accommodate the modern battleships of 18,000 to 19,000 tons, or the large and fast merchant steamers, which in time of war are intended to serve as hospital boats and for other purposes. It goes without saying that the larger the fleet the less efficient becomes the canal. The canal is also being more and more used by merchant vessels, a remark which applies in a still higher degree to foreign than to German vessels. The increase up to the end of 1904, as compared with the first year, was 261 per cent. for German and 273 per cent. for foreign vessels. The revenue has risen 163 per cent., so that not only are the working expenses covered, but there seems even prospects of paying some interest on the capital. The canal, which was principally built for strategical reasons has consequently, it is urged, yielded better results than could have been expected when the undertaking was taken in hand. It is therefore only natural that it should be so extended as to be able to meet both maritime and ordinary shipping demands, and it is stated, as a not unlikely thing, that the canal, if widened and deepened through the whole of its length, will be able to pay interest on the increased cost.—"Engineering."

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MINING INTELLIGENCE.

NOTES.

The Queen Central mine (Charters Towers) has washed up a crushing of 480 tons for a yield of gold valued at £2590. A dividend (the fourth) of 3d per share has been declared, payable on January 7.

The Allandale Silver Mine at Broken Hill has been floated in Adelaide, and the 40,000 shares offered to the public were over applied for, and 20,000 shares are held in reserve. Two parcels of ore have been despatched to the Broken Hill Proprietary Company—one of 13 tons, which realised £50 net profit; and a parcel of 11 tons of carbonate ore, which is being treated, assays 42 per cent. lead and 9oz silver.

A lake of quicksilver, covering an area of more than three acres, and having a depth ranging from 10 to 50 feet, has been discovered in the mountains of the State of Vera Cruz. The value of the product is estimated at millions. This lake has been known to the Indians for many generations. It is situated far up in the mountains in an almost inaccessible position. Its surface is partly covered by stones. It is believed that volcanic action in the mountains above smelted the quicksilver out of the cinnabar ore, and that it ran down and filled this depression. A tunnel is to be driven through the base of the mountain, and the quicksilver brought down by means of gravity.

MINING IN THE STATE.

BROKEN HILL, Tuesday.

The North mill last week ran full time, and treated 2080 tons crudes for 350 tons concentrates, worth 70.9 per cent. lead, 18oz silver, and 6.6 per cent. zinc.

ORANGE, Tuesday.

The tributers at the Ballarat mine, Forest Reefs, are still driving, and are now in about 150ft in easier ground.

The wash from the Beneree mine is being crushed at the Quondong battery. At the latter mine a new shaft is being sunk.

Tenders have been called for sinking a new shaft at the Victory mine.

Another crushing is being sent to Cockle Creek from Mayne's mine at Gooley's Creek. Very shortly machinery will be erected there. The last crushing went something like 10oz to the ton. Hayward and party have received the return from an eight-ton parcel of ore from Mount Frazerbyng. It gave an average of £11 5s per ton net. The return from the mine for the six months was £435. The ore vein runs to about 18in, and is rich.

At Amaroo, Litchfield, Moore, and party are working on a small but rich vein.

MOUNT LYELL FIELD.

QUEENSTOWN, Tuesday.

At the North Mount Lyell mine the 850ft level, the east drive to cut the ore body is still in very hard country, highly mineralised, and carrying little bornite in places. The main crosscut west is in about 20ft, the country having lately become much more favourable. The stopes on the ore bodies at the 700ft, 800ft, and 500ft levels all continue to look remarkably well.

At the Mount Lyell Blocks the usual output of ore is being maintained to the mill. The main shaft at the Mount Lyell Consols is down about 20ft. The platelaying of the tramline from the shaft to the mill site is well advanced. A start has been made with cutting the foundations for the concentrating plant.

LONDON SHARE MARKET.

LONDON, Dec. 25.

On the Stock Exchange yesterday quotations of Australian mining ventures were:—Broken Hill Proprietary, b £5 10s 9d, s £5 11s 3d; British Broken Hill, b £2 6s 6d, s £2 7s 6d; Block 10, b £5 2s 6d, s £5 5s; North Broken Hill, b £4 15s, s £4 16s 3d; South Broken Hill, b £8 15s, s £8 17s 6d.

MINING DIVIDENDS.

Dividends have been declared payable on the dates mentioned hereunder. C. denotes when transfer books close, and P. when payable:—

	s.	d.
NEW SOUTH WALES.		
New Wylie Creek, C. Dec. 31, P. Jany. 7	0	3
Harden Gold Mine, C. Jan. 1, P. Jan. 5	0	6
Buckland River South Extended, P. Dec. 31	0	3
North Broken Hill, P. Jan. 18	3	0
Cangai Copper Mine	0	6
VICTORIA.		
Birthday Tunnel, C. Jan. 12, P. Jan. 16	0	6
North Woah Hawp, C. Jan. 4, P. Jan. 11	0	6
Pioneer Tin, C. Dec. 24, P. Dec. 29	8	6
Port Arthur, C. Dec. 29, P. Jan. 6	0	6
First Chance, C. Dec. 21, P. Dec. 28	0	6
Tewkesbury Freehold Dredging, P. Jan. 1 .. £3	0	0
Tewkesbury Dredging, P. Jan. 1	0	6
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.		
Associated Northern, C. Jan. 10, P. Jan. 18	2	0
Associated Northern Blocks, C. Dec. 31, P. Jan. 18	2	0
Hainault, P. Jan. 31	1	0
Kalgurli, P. Jan. 7	12	6
Golden Horseshoe, P. Dec. 27	6	0
Waihi	2	0
QUEENSLAND.		
Queen Central, P. Jan. 7	0	3
Mills' United, P. Dec. 28	2	0
TASMANIA.		
New Bros. Home, No. 1, P. Dec. 28	0	6
Briseis (bonus), P. Dec. 31	0	9

COUNT ZEPPELIN'S AIRSHIP.

The International Aeronaut's Federation, founded in Paris last October, recently held the opening meetings of its conference in Berlin, when the old battle between the "rigid" and the "free" system was unexpectedly decided in favour of the rigid system. After experiments lasting for six years, which were regarded in expert circles as being hopeless, Count Zeppelin has made repeated journeys over a prescribed route round Lake Constance, performed every possible evolution, and brought his airship back to the starting-point. He has thus demonstrated the superiority of his type of airship over those of Lebaudy in France and Parseval in Germany, which were constructed with a movable car. The actual body of this ship, which has stood its test in such a brilliant manner, retains the characteristic form of a gigantic cigar. It is a cylinder pointed at both ends, with a length of 126 metres and a diameter of 12½ metres. This body is formed of a framework consisting of aluminium ribs, round which the material of the balloon is laid somewhat loosely. Inside this structure 13 closed gas balloons are arranged, which have altogether a carrying capacity of 12,000 kilogrammes. Two pontoons are rigidly fastened by means of strong suspenders to the body of the ship, one placed at a distance of 30 metres from the front part and the other at the same distance from the back one. Each pontoon carries a Daimler motor of 85 horse-power to drive the two pairs of screws, which are situated above the pontoons on both sides of the body of the ship, and which render its peculiar motion possible. In front of and behind the pair of pontoons are fixed the two wooden frames covered with cloth which serve as a steering apparatus. The two pontoons are connected by means of a narrow wooden bridge, to which a movable weight is attached in order to be able to alter at will the center of gravity of the whole air machine. The dirigibility of the Zeppelin ship left nothing to be desired, whilst in the case of all other systems a certain unreliability in steering cannot be avoided, since the car, being suspended free, cannot change its direction simultaneously with the balloon in describing a curve, and in the case of accelerated speed it drags behind. The Zeppelin air-ship offers increased reliability, inasmuch as it has two motors, and retains its motion quite well—four of them even refuse to act. As a medium speed, Count Zeppelin has advised a rate of 14 to 15 metres per second. Even against a wind moving at the rate of 5 metres per second, his ship managed to travel in a forward direction at a tolerable pace. The rigid air-ship may be built so large that far greater lifting force is placed at the aeronaut's disposal than is the case with other non-rigid systems. Still, it is undeniable that military and expert critics point out a defect in Count Zeppelin's apparatus which more than neutralises all its advantages. These critics say that the Zeppelin air-ship cannot land if the wind is at all strong, but must descend upon water. That is true, but Count Zeppelin replies to such objections:—"I rule the atmosphere, since I can remain in the air for days, and can traverse thousands of miles. I do not descend during a storm, but seek a place of shelter at a remote distance which is not affected by the barometric depression, or I seek some known haven of refuge." The larger the air-ship, the larger its radius of action. If, for instance, a number of places of refuge for airships were established in Germany, it would always be possible to descend safely at any point, if the aeronaut were only as sure of his air-machine as Count Zeppelin and his assistants are of theirs. In this bold conception lies the real genius of the present solution of the problem of aerial navigation. The cost of constructing such a gigantic air-ship amounts to about £10,000. If, however, the necessary number of places of refuge are at disposal, it may safely make repeated journeys through the air and be securely housed again. Thus, to the surprise of all aeronauts, the latest success of Count Zeppelin has clearly demonstrated the superiority of the "rigid" system over the "free" one, to which hitherto the future seemed to belong.

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STANDARD OIL TRUST INDICTED.

The United States Government has stated its case against the Standard Oil Trust in a petition filed in the Federal Circuit Court here. The petition (says a cable message of November 15 from St. Louis, and published in the London "Tribune") asks for an injunction, which, if granted, will dissolve the Trust, upon the ground of unlawful combination under the interpretation of the Sherman Anti-Trust Act. It is charged that more than seventy corporations and partnership concerns, constituting the Trust, are exercising a monopoly to the extent of 90 per cent. of the country's oil business, that they control many great railroads, that they obtained secret rebates from the railroads until the Government's investigation and the fear of exposure put a stop to this discrimination, that they founded bogus independent oil companies, and that they obtained secret reports on the business of competitors by sinister means. It is further alleged that although the total valuation of the Trust's property was given as 69,000,000dols. the Trust has paid 512,000,000 dols. in dividends from 1882 to 1895, besides creating a large surplus, the amount of which the Government is unable to state. It is charged that the annual dividends paid by the Trust during the last nine years ranged from 33 to 48 per cent. per annum. The petition specifically calls Mr. Rockefeller and his associates conspirators. It says that they pretended to dissolve the Trust when it was declared unlawful by the Ohio Supreme Court in 1892, but that they continued to control the subsidiary corporations through a stock-holding company in New Jersey with a capital of 98,000,000dols. The United States District Attorney's indictment cites Messrs. John D. Rockefeller, William Rockefeller, Henry H. Rogers, Henry M. Flagler, John D. Archbold, Oliver N. Payne, and Charles M. Pratt.

A message from Findlay, Ohio, states that the grand jury has indicted Mr. John D. Rockefeller and the officials of the Standard Oil Company, of Ohio, for violations of the State anti-Trust law. No immediate effort will be made to arrest Mr. Rockefeller, who is in New York.

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Town Hall, Sydney. THOMAS H. NESBITT, Town Clerk. December 22, 1906.

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DOOLEY.—The Friends of the deceased Mr. WILLIAM GEORGE DOOLEY are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral; to leave his late residence, 554 Harris-street, Ultimo, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood.
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HENDERSON.—The Relatives and Friends of Mr. ALFRED HENDERSON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his beloved WIFE, Emma Jane; to move from his residence, No. 207 Stanmore-road, Petersham, THIS AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for C. of E. Cemetery, Necropolis, via Petersham Station.

HENDERSON.—The Members of the Sydney Christadelphian Ecclesia are invited to attend the Funeral of their late member, Mrs. E. J. HENDERSON; to leave her late residence, Stanmore-road, Petersham, THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY. Funeral train leaves the Mortuary, Redfern, at 2.20 p.m.
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E. SAWELL, Secretary.

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APPLICATION FOR POSITION OF COUNCIL CLERK.
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